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From the Pastor's Desk

ON THIS centennial anniversary of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, we all direct our thoughts and lift our faces heavenward to the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity and from our hearts are evoked the words, "Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and Thou art exalted as Head above all. Both riches and honor come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in Thine hand is power and might, and in Thine hand it is to make great and to give strength unto all. Now therefore our GOD we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious Name." To the One in whom are hid all the treasures of divine wisdom and spiritual illumination are we indebted for our great heritage.

However, we are not prone to forget the line of great preachers of the faith who have faithfully heralded forth the Glad-tidings during the last century and have so ably led their zealous followers from victory to victory. The pages that make up this glorious saga of faith are not without vindication of the toil and travail, the sleepless nights and restless days, resulting from the protagonists of this sinsick, warped and bitter world. GOD has made it possible for us to hold high the victors' wreath of exultant triumph in the struggle against Satan and his henchmen. So, to GOD be the glory and the praise for what has been done in the last hundred years as the Spirit of GOD has used the Word of GOD through yielded men of GOD to accomplish his eternal purposes known to Him before the foundation of the world. We do not sail our spiritual ship on the lukewarm sea of self-satisfaction and indifferentism because of the decisive victories of the past, but, on the contrary, we are standing firm in the present with united soul and with goal in perspective, working strenuously shoulder to shoulder, animated by the spirit of faith, love and determination; and as we peer into the darkness of an unpredictable future, clad in the armor of soldiers fit for the battle, our expectant ears and searching eyes wait for the trumpet-call and the soon appearance of the glory of GOD Almighty and of our SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST.

Lewis J. Julianel

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Foreword

THE YEAR 1849 witnessed the beginnings of many things in California. The news of the discovery of gold was bringing people by the thousands to this new land of opportunity. The Golden Gate became the symbol of entrance to new adventures, new opportunities, new experiences, new wealth. And here by the Golden Gate the city of San Francisco was beginning that phenomenal growth which was soon to place it among the great cities of the nation; a cross-road for the commerce of the world and gateway to the Orient.

Among the better things that trace their beginnings here to that memorable year of 1849 was our beloved church—the First Baptist Church of San Francisco. Wickedness and vice predominated in this young and bristling city and spiritual influences were few in those days. But a few loyal souls were found who knew and loved our Lord and who saw the need and opportunity for establishing a Baptist Church in the community. They realized the necessity of spiritual food and fellowship and formed the nucleus of the body which, by God's grace, was to grow with the city and become one of the great churches of the country.

It is to present the story of this church, its beginnings, its early history, its later development, its successes and its failures, with a picture of its present with its aims and aspirations for the future, that this little book has been prepared.

To the extent that this book takes for any man or group of men the credit for past accomplishments it may be considered a failure; but to the extent that it glorifies our God and our Christ—His Son—and leads the reader to give God the praise and glory, and inspires to deeper consecration and devotion to the work of reaching out to evangelize the lost, both in our own community and to the uttermost parts of the earth, it will be a success.

Truly God has richly blessed the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, and our earnest prayer is that those who read these pages will find cause for thanksgiving and encouragement to press forward to far greater accomplishments for our Lord in the future.

The opportunity for service is indeed greater than ever before, and as God gives us opportunities He gives corresponding responsibilities. May we all in this Centennial year get not only a better appreciation of what God has done and is doing for us, but may we also get a vision of the opportunities ahead and accept the responsibilities God would have us recognize.

The book tells the story. May the year ahead prove that this first hundred years has only been a time of preparation and that First Baptist Church will go forward to greater accomplishments to the glory of our Saviour and our God.

Statement of Faith

WHAT WE STAND FOR

1. WE STAND FOR the Bible. It is our law, our creed, and our final authority in all matters relating to faith and practice.
2. WE STAND FOR regeneration or "the birth from above" as a basis of church-membership.
3. WE STAND FOR believer's baptism, the immersion of the believer in obedience to Christ's command, as a symbol of the death to the old life and the resurrection to the new
4. WE STAND FOR the separation of Church and State, and for the largest measure of civil and religious liberty.
5. WE STAND FOR education, evangelism, world-wide missionary endeavor.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit—three persons, yet but one God, whose name is Jehovah.
2. WE BELIEVE in the deity and the humanity of Jesus Christ, who is none other than God the Son manifest in the flesh, and in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells forever.
3. WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is the one only Head of the Church; that all believers are equally priests unto God; that ordination, while it recognizes position, bestows no power; that the local church is independent and sovereign.
4. WE BELIEVE that all men are sinners needing a Saviour; that salvation is only and altogether through simple faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins,—a faith always accompanied by works meet for repentance, and that without such faith there can be no salvation here or hereafter.
5. WE BELIEVE in unbroken conscious existence after death determined by life before death; in the personal second coming of Christ to judge the world; in the resurrection of the body which for those who die in the Lord shall be like Christ's glorious body; in the eternal weal of the saved and the eternal woe of the lost.

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As Chairman of the Centennial Program Planning Committee I wish to express thanks and appreciation to all who have worked so faithfully and co-operatively to make our Centennial celebration pleasing to the Lord.

The committee was appointed early in December of 1948 and began its work immediately. There were times when it seemed almost impossible to organize our forces to complete the task, but with every one doing his part and by the help of the Lord, we are happy to present our Centennial Publication. Those who had a part in compiling the pages that follow are:

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It is good to look to the past, but it is a bad thing to live in the past. That is why the poet warns:

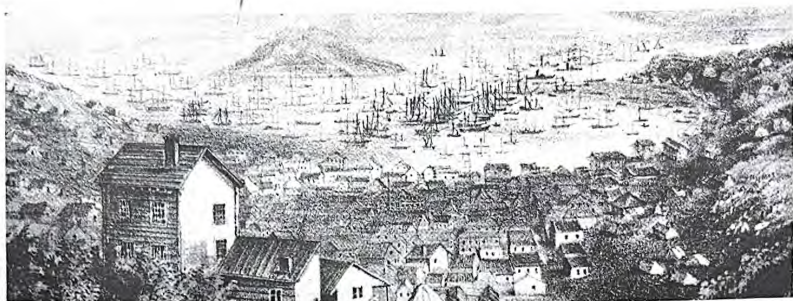
*"Keep out of the past; it's haunted.
He who in its avenues gropes
Will find there the ghosts of
A joy prized the most,
And a skeleton throng of dead hopes"*

Let First Baptist Church of San Francisco look backward with a deeper gratitude for blessings of the past and then forward with a greater determination to take our city for Christ.

I'm sure all members of the Centennial Committee would have me acknowledge the joy they have had in serving in this capacity, for seldom does one have such a rare privilege.

Cara Garrett

Chairman, Centennial Committee



San Francisco in 1849

SAN FRANCISCO! The city whose name spelled romance, adventure, excitement. But what a place to look at! It was small and ugly — nothing, really, but a straggling settlement along the water's edge. Beyond, a waste of wind-swept sand dunes and, jutting up in the background, a crescent of encircling hills.

The town centered around a long wharf, called Central Wharf, where hundreds of ships lay idle and motionless, some stranded in the mud and rotting to pieces, their gaunt masts like a limbless forest. Deserted ships, their crews gone to the gold mines, and no others to take their places.

The town itself was a mushroom rash of tents and shanties with a sprinkling of one or two story wooden houses. The streets were irregular and ungraded, one side often several feet higher than the other, the center a trash pile. Mud was everywhere — mud holes of incredible depth. If you made a mis-step on the slippery sidewalk, you sank to your waist in mire.

At night the town was dark and dead except at the plaza. Here the square was alive with excitement, blatant with noise, ablaze with a glare of lights from the doors and windows of the saloons and gambling houses lining three sides of it. Here most of the townspeople gathered to gamble, drink, and seek companionship.

Leaving the square at night, one walked along dark, unlighted streets, moving cautiously over narrow, uneven, mud-bordered sidewalks. Darkness brought out, also, an even greater danger to the unwary pedestrian—hordes of enormous, ferocious rats. They scuttled about your feet so thickly that it was hard to keep from stepping on them.

The community, lying so close to the waterfront, was a notorious place from the beginning. There was not a single police officer nor the means of confining a prisoner for an hour if one were caught. Nor was there a place to shelter sick strangers or to bury them when they died. It was a place "without a single requisite for the promotion of prosperity or the maintenance of order."



CHAPTER I

Go ye into all the world...

OLD FIRST CHURCH, SAN FRANCISCO! *What a wonderful church she is! How dear she is to the hearts of those who have seen her grow, who have worked for her and with her in both the fruitful years and the lean years! There are so many here who have worked and prayed and watched her grow to be a great city church. And even in the hearts of those who have most recently come among us, she has quickly taken her place and soon they, too, have felt that they have worked in her all their lives. How much we love her, and want to see her prosper, that the Lord may be glorified and exemplified in her before the world!*

BUT WAIT! Let us turn back the pages of history a hundred years and see what things the Lord has wrought to bring this church through all her trials, through her bad years and her good ones, to her present greatness!

By the year 1848 there had sprung up beside the Golden Gate a sprawling, roistering, wicked city—Yerba Buena; a city of tents, shacks, over the hills and close to the waterfront; a city with more saloons and gambling houses than decent homes. Yes, there was a church—established there at the very beginning of the little settlement—the Mission established by the Catholic priests who accompanied the soldiers from Mexico on their tour of exploration through Upper California. But there was no Protestant church in the whole of California.

Just at the close of the war with Mexico, in which California was ceded to the United States, the Board of the Home Mission Society, after much investigation and long consideration, decided that it "should establish a Mission in California," and selected San Francisco as the most favorable spot for its establishment. They felt that a young man, full of enthusiasm for his Lord, should be sent on this Mission, for it was an acknowledged fact that the task would be a very hard one.

There was just such a young man, in his first pastorate at Jersey City, New Jersey, who met with the approval of the Board, and he was asked to go to the office of Dr. B. M. Hill, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Society, for a conference. Dr. Hill wasted no time in preliminaries, but bluntly told this young pastor that he had been chosen "to go to California as our pioneer Missionary." To have hit him over the head with a club might have been kinder treatment, for young Rev. Osgood C. Wheeler was too dumbfounded to answer such a proposal. Long and earnestly he argued, not only with Dr. Hill but with other members of the Board, but they could not change his mind. Finally an appeal was made to the president of the Society, Dr. S. H. Cone of the First Baptist Church of New York City. He talked earnestly and long to Rev. Wheeler urging him to accept the appointment.

At the end of sixteen days, after much argument pro and con with all concerned, finally, after a night spent on their knees in prayer to the Lord to guide them, the Wheelers, at family worship, came to the conclusion that this was

the thing the Lord wanted them to do. Wheeler felt that "a burden like that which rolled from the shoulders of John Bunyan" had been removed from his shoulders, and he and his wife rose from their knees with a song on their lips and no longer any fear in their hearts. They knew they were obeying God's call by their decision to go West. Once the decision had been made, Wheeler was anxious to be on his way. In two weeks' time, he resigned from his pastorate, closed up all his business affairs, preached ten times, gave three major addresses, and superintended the work of getting his outfit together. On Friday, December 1, 1848, just three days before the news of the discovery of gold in California reached Washington, Wheeler and his wife sailed out of New York harbor on the steamer Falcon, bound for California.



*Dr. Spencer H. Cone
President American Baptist
Home Mission Society, 1849*

Rev. Wheeler and his wife had three ways from which to choose, to reach California. They could go overland, around the Horn by boat, or by boat to the Isthmus of Panama, by mule-back and canoe across the Isthmus, and then by boat once more up the coast to San Francisco. The first seemed too long and dangerous. They had heard terrible stories of the hazardous trip by boat around Cape Horn. Finally, they decided to go to Panama and cross there to the Pacific and then on by boat. It was truly a long and dangerous trip. Cholera broke out among the passengers on shipboard, but the Wheelers were fortunate and did not contract it. The trip across the Isthmus was perilous, and their three days and nights in a canoe on the Chagres River in a terrible storm were remembered with horror. Another twenty-five miles on horseback over almost impassable streams and mountains brought them to the Pacific, but there they had to wait another thirty-four days before a steamer came. They spent still another twenty-eight days on board the "California" before they finally sailed into San Francisco Bay—just ninety days after they left New York.



*Dr. O. C. Wheeler
1849-1851*

To establish a missionary work in a new field is no simple or easy task. Rev. Wheeler arrived in San Francisco on February 28, 1849, after a long and hazardous trip, and immediately set out to make contacts with the people and to discover, if he could, any Baptists. One man, Mr. C. L. Ross, proved a splendid and loyal friend and helper, and together they visited and canvassed the city for Baptists, and for children, that they might open a Sunday School. By the end of May regular services were being held, a Sunday School was started—only one boy showed up the first Sunday—but within four weeks there were forty in Sunday School

and "three rooms in the house and the long veranda were filled with people at the preaching service." By the middle of June, there was begun the work of organizing a Baptist Church and on Friday, July 6, six people presented church letters and were recognized as the constituent members of the infant church, the First Baptist Church of California. The first church building was erected on



First Building, 1849

Washington Street near Stockton —today, the heart of Chinatown. It was a simple frame building, thirty by fifty feet, costing \$6,000, but it was the first non-Catholic Church building ever constructed in California.

The Church grew and the Lord prospered it. The first candidate for baptism came in October of 1849, and since the little church had no proper baptistry, it was decided to perform the baptism in the waters of San Francisco Bay.

It was a very important occasion and an immense crowd gathered to watch. The pastor, church members with the candidate, marched toward the Bay followed by pastors of other churches, the mayor and other city officials, state officials and federal officials. There were even representatives of the Navy and Marines, the prime minister of Hawaii, and "large numbers of visitors from nearly every civilized nation on earth." An impressive ceremony was performed in the shallow, sandy waters of North Beach, which set a precedent for baptisms for some years to follow.

This first non-Catholic church building, erected with such loving labor, was used not only for church services, Sunday School, prayer meetings, and other regular meetings of the church, but had the distinction of serving also, for some time, as the first public school building in San Francisco.

Rev. Wheeler was not satisfied with organizing only one church, and the following year established other churches in California with San Francisco Baptist Church as the Mother Church. By 1850 there were churches in San Jose and in Sacramento, with a combined membership of 53.

In 1851, while Rev. Wheeler was in southern California recuperating from an illness, a disastrous fire burned the business district of San Francisco,



First Addition, 1850

taking the church building and the businesses of many of its members, and leaving the church in a very embarrassing financial condition. Rev. Wheeler resigned his pastorate and the church went through a difficult and discouraging year before a new pastor was finally secured. On May 28, 1852, Rev. Benjamin Byerly, a man of "unusual ability and eloquence," came to serve the church as pastor, and when he closed his work in May, 1858, the membership numbered 131 — 110 of whom were resident members. During his early ministry, plans were made for the erection of a new building, and finally, on September 27, 1857, the new church was completed and the congregation once more gathered into its own building.

Fourteen months passed after the resignation of Rev. Brierly before another pastor was secured, but the work of the church progressed; twenty-seven new members were added to the rolls, and a beautiful new organ was installed.



*A plaque that still marks the spot of the
First Church Building of San Francisco in 1849*

CHAPTER II

Upon this rock I will build my church...

In 1859, just ten years after the First Baptist Church of California was established, Rev. D. B. Cheney of Philadelphia arrived by steamer to become the spiritual head of the church. His coming marked the beginning of an era of growth and expansion. He was an able man with a "passion for souls," and his was an aggressive evangelistic ministry, with many new members being added to the church. During this time, also, other churches were being formed. In 1862 the Second Baptist Church took the place of the Fifth Street Mission; two years later the First Baptist Church of Virginia City, Nevada, was formed, and the following year the Tabernacle Baptist Church of San Francisco was organized. Rev. J. B. Morse was engaged in 1860 as City Missionary and through his labors and Dr. Cheney's whole-hearted work, the Sunday Schools grew in attendance in each church.

Under Dr. Cheney's leadership the First Baptist Church of San Francisco became the largest in the state and in some ways the strongest on the Pacific Coast. His ministry "profoundly and permanently affected the church and greatly enlarged its influence in the community." But Dr. Cheney found that he could no longer continue as pastor of this growing church, for the climate of San Francisco did not agree with him; he had developed a bad case of asthma and felt he must leave. He resigned in 1867, regretting very much the necessity of such a step, for he loved the church and felt the importance of its leadership.

The church was not long without a pastor, for Dr. Jesse B. Thomas accepted a call and came from the Pierrepont Street Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., to assume the pastorate. It looked as if this would be a fruitful and outstanding ministry, for he was a man of great ability. Large congregations filled the church and many were won to the Lord. But the promise was not fulfilled, for in nine months Dr. Thomas tendered his resignation, saying that his health would not permit him to remain in San Francisco and continue with his work.

Rev. B. S. McLafferty acted as supply for the church, and at the end of three months the Rev. John Matthews of Marquette, Michigan, became acting pastor. This was a difficult period in the church history. There was now a tendency toward disintegration and it was nineteen months before another regular pastor was secured. However, in spite of their discouragements, the church began a Sunday School for Chinese, and the first convert, Dong Gong, was baptized. This began a work among the Chinese which has continued until the present time. Finally, through the efforts of Dr. Cheney, who had remained in



Dr. Benjamin Brierly
1852-1858

San Francisco and still worked with the church, the church called Rev. A. R. Medbury, a former member of the church whom the church had ordained, and who was at the time pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Lawrence, Mass.

His was not a long pastorate, but nineteen months, and the church continued to face serious problems. There seemed to be a general "luke-warmness" among the people, and during that year many were dropped from church membership. Financial problems were acute and in February, 1872, it was deemed necessary to substitute a prayer meeting in the lecture room for the regular Sunday evening service. Three weeks later the pastor resigned and his resignation was accepted with expressions of affection and high respect for his patience, courage and cheerfulness in the face of heavy labor.

Shortly after Rev. Medbury's resignation, Rev. Joseph Freeman of Vermont came to San Francisco on his way to Washington Territory and was persuaded to serve the church as pastoral supply. The church responded to his leadership and a new spirit was manifest, with increased attendance and interest. In September, 1873, Rev. T. Mulcahy of Little Rock, Arkansas, was called to the pastorate of the church and there was promise that his work would have wonderful results. But it was a false promise, for what began so well did not last; Rev. Mulcahy's health did not permit him to serve long and he passed away only a few months after coming to the church. In 1874 there came to the church as pastor Dr. Eri B. Hulbert, from St. Paul, Minn. He was a strong and active leader and it was soon evident that he expected the church to work, too.



Dr. Jesse Thomas
1868-1870

About this time the church felt that it must build a new edifice, and all phases of the work were necessarily affected. Many new members were received, but many, too, were lost. Both the regular Sunday School and the Chinese Sunday School continued vigorously but it was an acknowledged fact that there was a lack of earnestness and devotion. When the new building was finally erected, the way was opened for a larger ministry.

Definite steps were taken to secure a new building on June 5, 1875, when the trustees authorized the sale of the Washington Street property and the purchase of an excellent location on Eddy Street, between Jones and Leavenworth. The old church was sold to a Chinese for \$29,500 and on October 13, the cornerstone of the new church was laid. The congregation had worshiped in the old church building for twenty years and many had found Christ there, and it was with mixed



David B. Cheney
1859-1867

feelings of sadness and joy that they left the old building for the new. It was many months before the new church was completed, for it was not until July 29, 1877, that the building was dedicated. Congregations increased immediately with the occupancy of the new building. The outlook for the future was encouraging. But four months later, Dr. Hulbert gave the deacons his resignation,



Dr. A. R. Medbury
1870-1872

and a few years later was called to a professorship in Morgan Park Theological Seminary, and later served as Dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

For some time before his resignation, Dr. Hulbert had been looking around for a man to take his place, and he felt that he had found one in the person of Rev. Granville S. Abbott of Watertown, Mass., and he was eventually called. He had had some experience in debt-raising and the church was probably influenced in his favor, feeling that he would help to pay off the debt of the new building. However, because of the heavy financial burden, Dr. Abbott resigned just a year after becoming pastor of

the church. The church was heavily in debt and needed its financial condition strengthened. Deacon J. F. Pope, who had been a deacon of the church almost from the beginning, suggested the use of the envelope system of giving—a system very successfully used in other churches. An earnest effort to meet the situation was begun and special contributions were asked to care for the more pressing obligations, especially taxes, insurance, and the balance due on Dr. Abbott's salary. On April 20, 1879, Dr. E. H. Gray preached for the first time, served some months as acting pastor, and in October was called as pastor for one year. He was particularly active in reducing the indebtedness of the church, and by the end of the year all current expenses of the church were met, floating indebtedness paid and \$300 paid on the mortgage.

One interesting occurrence during Dr. Gray's ministry was the passing of the resolution stating: "Resolved that as a church we disapprove of the introduction of card playing and dancing at any social gathering under the auspices of the church or Sunday School." Another was the declaring of the offices of deacons vacant, and at the election to fill these offices it was resolved: "That the six deacons to be elected consist of four deacons and two lady helpers," the electing of deaconesses continuing thereafter.

On July 25, 1880, Rev. William M. Kincaid of New York preached in the church and was later called to the pastorate. He accepted but could not



Dr. Eri B. Hulbert
1874-1877

immediately leave his New York church, and in the interim of four months, the pulpit was supplied by Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, who later played a very active part in the church history. During Rev. Henry's short period of supply, Dwight L. Moody and Ira D. Sanky held a two weeks' meeting with the church and were the means of a spiritual revival. Dr. Kincaid began his ministry on March 27, 1881, with a membership of nearly three hundred. The church was in good condition spiritually and with much improved financial standing. Baptisms continued, a number were restored to the fellowship of the church, congregations increased, as did contributions and pew rentals. The work was better organized and there was even some effort at advertising. In 1882 the pastor was married and the reception that followed gave the church the opportunity to "inaugurate its renovated parlors, which are pronounced to be the most elegant of their kind in any church on the Pacific."



*Dr. G. S. Abbott
1877-1878*

Dr. Kincaid's pastorate was marked by quiet and steady growth. All phases of the church program were carried out. The evangelistic emphasis was strong and many evangelistic services were held. In 1884 the Bethesda Mission was opened at Eighth and Folsom. In August of the same year five members were dismissed to organize the German Baptist Church of San Francisco. Two years later a committee was appointed to raise funds for the building of California College in Highland Park. The City Mission Board was heartily supported, as was the Chinese School which had been organized in the city. The mortgage was reduced to \$11,500 with more than \$2,000 still outstanding in pledges. The church was in a stronger and more promising condition than at any previous time with a membership of 539, a Sunday School of 282, and a large and active group of young people interested in all affairs of the church.

Dr. Kincaid felt that the best interests of the church called for a new head and he ended his labors there on November 10, 1889. The Pulpit Supply Committee immediately remembered the wonderful work of the interim pastor, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, and called him from the First Baptist Church of Denver. He responded with joy in his heart over the prospect of renewed labors with the church and took up his work here on February 6, 1890, just nine years after his first service for the church.

The church continued to grow and to spread its influence. There were many additions and baptisms. The church debt was substantially reduced, prayer meetings were largely attended and other missions and Sunday Schools were established.

But such an active church is difficult for a pastor and it proved too much for Dr. Henry. He took a leave of absence, but several months later resigned and his place was taken by acting pastor Rev. M. P. Boynton. The following

January 1, the church voted to call Rev. Boynton as its pastor, even in spite of another recommendation by the committee. Rev. Boynton had unusual organizing ability, which showed in the work of the church. The Sunday School was enlarged, eight new classes being added. A third mission Sunday School was organized in the North Beach district. There were classes for children and young people led by the pastor, teaching Christian doctrine, Baptist church policy, and Baptist history. Three Christian Endeavor Societies were active among the young people, and the women's work was well organized, with a Ladies' Aid Society, two Mission circles, and a W. C. T. U.

The finances of the church were another matter. The year 1897 began with a debt of \$2,362.27, which was probably a factor in the resignation of Rev. Boynton, to take effect on August 1 of that year.

Dr. E. A. Wood of Philadelphia was secured by the church as supply pastor and shortly afterwards was asked to become the regular pastor. Two important events occurred early in his ministry. One was the vote of the church that failure to comply with the Biblical Covenant obligation to contribute regularly to the financial support of the church be treated as a matter of church discipline. The other was a drastic revision of the church roll. One hundred and forty names were placed on a suspended list and thirty-five others were dropped. There had been some 563 members, but since over 200 united with the church during Dr. Wood's ministry, the number stood at

512 when he resigned in 1902. During Dr. Wood's ministry there occurred "The May Anniversaries," forerunner of the Northern Baptist Convention, which met in the church in 1899, a source of great inspiration to all the Baptists in the city. Also there occurred a disastrous fire which again burned the church building. However, the insurance this time took care of the outstanding financial situation and the basement floor was made usable for a place of worship and used until the earthquake and fire of 1906.

Rev. Thomas Baldwin acted as supply pastor after Dr. Wood left, but the church was not able to get another pastor until early in 1906, when Dr.

George E. Burlingame of Chicago accepted the pastorate. Four months later, even before he had arrived, came the terrible earthquake and fire which destroyed so much of San Francisco. Six Baptist Churches were completely "obliterated" and many church members lost not only their homes but their businesses as well. The church offered to release Dr. Burlingame from his



Dr. E. H. Gray
1879-1880



Dr. W'm. M. Kincaid
1881-1889

agreement, but he refused their offers. "I count myself honored of God," he wrote, "in being permitted to serve the First Baptist Church at this critical time in its history, and expect large blessings from Him upon His stricken and yet faithful people. Pray for us that, though perplexed, none of us may despair." Friends in Chicago furnished him with a large tent and services were resumed as soon as he arrived.



Dr. J. Q. A. Henry
1890-1895



Eddy Street Edifice
1876-1899



*Interior of the Eddy Street
Church Building*



Eddy Street Chapel
1899-1906

CHAPTER III

O ye of little faith...

The first problem of the new pastor was to secure a church home for the congregation. For a time they met at Park Chapel on Stanyan Street but later made arrangements for the use of the Swedenborgian Church building on O'Farrell Street. Even though the church realized only \$2,900 from the insurance for the loss of their building and though a large proportion of the congregation had lost heavily in the fire and were badly scattered, it was but a few days after the earthquake when representatives of the American Baptist Home Mission Society meeting in Oakland with various other Baptist interests decided to make an appeal to the denomination to rehabilitate the church. To accomplish this, "The California Baptist Relief Committee" was organized, with Dr. Claiborne M. Hill as chairman and Dr. Charles H. Hobart as secretary. There was wonderful response to the appeal, including \$75,000 from John D. Rockefeller, and First Church of San Francisco received a substantial sum.



*Dr. Mel. P. Boynton
1896-1897*

This was the opportunity to carry out the wishes of many of the congregation to find a new location for the church, but it was two years before a suitable site was secured. The lot on Eddy Street was sold, a building committee appointed, and by August, 1908, a fine location was secured, almost at the center of the city, at Octavia and Market Streets.

It was another year, however, before plans for the new building were adopted and work was started; but finally on August 30, 1909, ground was broken for the building by Mr. George H. Moore, and on November 13, the cornerstone was laid by Mr. E. F. Joy. A beautiful building "of classic design" was erected and was dedicated on September 14, 1910.

The pastor and assistants of the church had been very active during the years between the fire and the finishing of the new building, and by the time of the dedication, the church was ready for a great advance in its position and service to the community.

Dr. Burlingame continued to work as pastor of the church for seven years after the completion of the new building and led it to a foremost position in the city. By the end of his pastorate, nearly eight hundred new members had been added, a splendid building, well equipped, had been erected, and the church was recognized as one of the leading churches of the city.

For five years after the resignation of Dr. Burlingame, the church was again without a regular pastor. Dr. Henry again served the church as acting pastor for eleven months; Rev. Bryant Wilson stayed a year; Dr. Arthur Stevens

Phelps, two years. Though there was no regular leadership, and though there was a certain amount of loss, over three hundred were added to the church over the five year period. Then, on November 5, 1922, Dr. James S. West of Detroit, Michigan, became pastor, and once more the church revived under efficient leadership. Congregations were multiplied by four, many were added to the



*Dr. E. A. Wood
1897-1902*

church by letter, and by baptism. But finances continued to be a problem. Rev. George M. Parks was engaged as assistant pastor but resigned in February, 1924. Special leadership was engaged to try to untangle the financial affairs, but the heavy indebtedness remained.

There came a time when many members were dissatisfied with the conduct



*Dr. Arthur S. Phelps
1920-1922*

of affairs within the church and a large group withdrew and went to other churches. In 1932 a \$10,000 mortgage was placed upon the church building to take care of the indebtedness. In 1933, Dr. West resigned, after having held the pastorate for eleven years.

Many people felt that the church was dead—that there was no longer a need for a large downtown church. Many felt that since San Francisco was so strongly a Catholic city, no non-Catholic church could really succeed. This was the attitude of most of the members when Rev. D. M. Dawson, Director of Evangelism of the Northern California Baptist Convention, came, in August, 1933, to supply the pulpit. He found, at his first service, an audience of thirty people, in an auditorium large enough to seat 1200. But he decided that it was his job to do what he could to save that church. Because the church was not financially able to pay the pastor a living wage, he persuaded the Bay Cities Baptist Union and the Northern California Convention to lend aid so that he and his family could live right, and in February, 1934, he accepted the pastorate and went to work in earnest. For two years and a half he labored here, laying the foundation for a strong, spiritual, evangelical church.



Eddy Street site after the fire in 1906

CHAPTER IV

Greater works than these shall ye do...

There was at the time in the Scott Memorial Church in San Diego a minister whose record and progress were attracting state-wide attention. He had built up his church from a membership of 150 to 800 and had, in spite of the depression, led his church in two successful building campaigns. Therefore, when Rev. Dawson felt he could no longer carry on the work in San Francisco, the pulpit committee met and decided that, if he would consider the pastorate, Rev. Lewis J. Julianel was just the man they needed, and unanimously recommended that the church call him. After prayerful consideration, Rev. Julianel accepted the offer and began his great pastorate in First Baptist Church on November 8, 1936.

Rev. Dawson's labors for the church had stemmed its downward trend and had started the slow climb back to an active church membership. He had showed to the members that theirs was not a lost cause, that there was still a crying need for this downtown church and that they could once more make their influence felt in the city. The members had caught his fire and enthusiasm and had taken heart. Thus, when Rev. Julianel came, the groundwork had already been laid and the field was ready for his labors.

The decision of the church to call Rev. Julianel was indeed a fortunate one, for he is a builder. Immediately the congregations began to grow and, because he is an evangelistic preacher, new members began to unite with the church, an ever increasing number by baptism. Soon the pastor could look out from the pulpit upon the faces of many people, and not just at empty pews. In 1936 there were 325 members; today there are 2500. Along with the increase in membership there has been a great increase in church giving, with giving to missions a primary concern of every member. In 1936-37 the total income was \$4,000; in the year 1947-48, the missionary giving alone amounted to \$51,500, a far cry indeed from the meager sum raised eleven years ago! Dr. Julianel feels that with missions first in the hearts and minds of his people, all other church expenses will take care of themselves.

The Bible School has ever been a matter of deep interest in the hearts of the pastor and the church, and many of the members are regular attendants of the Bible School. A sound program for building up attendance in the school has been worked out, and each year at the beginning of the Loyalty Campaign, goals are adopted in each department. Each year sees new and bigger goals set, and every teacher and officer of the Bible School works to meet these



Dr. George E. Barlingame

goals. The growth of the average yearly attendance, the expanding of classes, and the necessity of forming new classes called for more room, and so a building campaign was begun. Soon after Dr. Julianel began his pastorate in San Francisco, it was evident to everyone that the church building needed a good deal of repair. There had been little money for upkeep of the property, but repairs could no longer be put off. The ceiling leaked badly and during a rainstorm buckets had to be placed strategically to catch the drip, proving an embarrassment to both the local officials and to visiting members of the Convention. That seemed the most pressing need, and the job was soon undertaken. It was not easy to replaster the places that had been ruined by rain and corrosion, and then to paint that high ceiling, but the improvement was so great that it proved just a beginning in remodeling the church building.



*Dr. James S. West
1922-1933*

The loveliness of the repaired ceiling made the body of the church look dark, so it was decided to paint that, too. But first, the choir loft was torn down and rebuilt to make it more modern and convenient, and the organ moved to a better place and changed from the old fashioned pneumatic organ to an electric one. Now the appearance of the church auditorium was very much improved with the exception of the lighting. Everyone but the pastor knew that nothing could possibly be done about that; that the 65-foot ceiling made rewiring and modernizing the lighting an impossible job. Dr. Julianel was sure that nothing was impossible and proved it by finding a man willing to tackle the job for a very nominal sum. Today the church is bright and clean and adequately lighted.



David M. Dawson 1933-1936

Another thing which bothered the pastor was the condition of the windows in the auditorium. They were tall and narrow and very difficult to clean, so a campaign to raise money was undertaken and soon twenty beautiful art-glass windows were installed to add to the beauty of the church.

And still the church grew! Dr. Julianel is a soul winner and his evangelistic zeal constantly brought into the church new families, building up the Bible School and the young people's work. It was but a short time before the Bible School outgrew its quarters and the church knew that to care for so many children and young people necessitated more room. At first it seemed enough to fix over the first floor, taking out partitions and enlarging some rooms. The pastor worked along with the men of the church, clearing out unused rooms and closets of years of accumulated debris, knocking

out partitions and rebuilding. The kitchen was enlarged, too, and thoroughly cleaned, and a new stove installed. It was not long, however, before the church and Bible School officials realized that the steadily increasing attendance demanded expanding space, and so a building program was decided upon. A four-story educational building, with a large gymnasium on the ground floor, was erected at a cost of \$40,000, making it possible to thoroughly departmentalize the Bible School with eight assembly rooms and some seventy classrooms. (More recently, since the gymnasium on the lower floor was no longer needed, it was divided into two floors for the use of more departments.)



Dr. Lewis J. Julianel
1936-19—

It goes without saying that with such an active church school and such an evangelistic program, there would be an active young people's service. Every Sunday evening for an hour before the church service, groups of all different ages gather together to conduct their separate meetings for worship, praise and discussion. The motto of the young people's group is Training, not Teaching, and here it is that

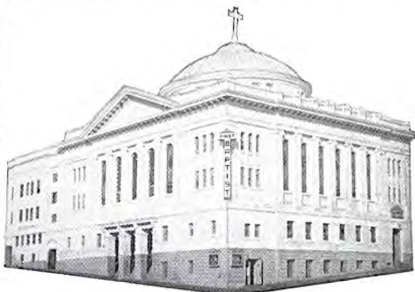
many of our young people get the training that helps them to participate actively in the work of the church. Most of the young people remain for the evening service of the church, making the service at First Church the largest non-Catholic Sunday evening service in the city.

With so many young people and young married people with families of small children attending services, the nursery had also outgrown its quarters, and since the educational building was completely filled by the Bible School, the trustees bought and repaired a residence next to the church property. Every Sunday this place is a beehive of activity for those who care for the babies and toddlers while their parents attend services. Also, a Junior Church Service is conducted by some of our consecrated young people for the children from six to twelve years of age who find the regular church service rather long for their flagging attention. Recently a prefabricated building was bought from the Government and set up on the church property behind the educational building. This is used for one of the Bible School Departments, and later for the Junior Church Service. During the war years First Baptist Church was privileged to minister to many thousands of service men and women. They were in every department of the church, and many found the Lord in Dr. Julianel's services and were baptized. Although most of them have since gone to their homes in other parts of this great nation, they will not forget the wonderful times they



Mrs. L. J. Julianel

had in Old First Church. The members of the church were strong in the knowledge that they must do all in their power to give these young people a real church home. There were so many temptations at every corner of the city and the people of God had to be ever alert to do their share to save these young people. The church was open evenings to different groups for Bible study and good social times, and on Sunday afternoons various church groups took the responsibility of sponsoring these young men and women in a wholesome program of play and worship. Always a light supper was served before they all went to the evening services. Before long, the church once more saw the need of added room, for there were many service people needing Christian love and fellowship—many more than could be accommodated.



Educational Building added in 1940

The opportunity came to purchase from the city a four-story building which bordered on the property to the rear of the educational building, and at a total cost of \$30,000 this was bought and remodeled for the use of the Bible School and for a Service Center. The top floor was made into a dormitory, and many a lonesome boy spent his week-end nights there in company with other Christian boys, and many friendships were made. The building has a dormitory, class rooms, a library, chapel, a fine kitchen and dining room, and a large gymnasium. Many a wonderful service was held there and sometimes as many as one hundred and twenty-five young people gathered at the tables for supper before they went to evening meetings. Altogether, some 50,000 service men and women attended First Church during the war years, many of whom stayed on to take their places in the work of the church.

After the war ended, and the service personnel began to leave, the building was used regularly for a Youth Center for our own young people. In the gymnasium are held the basketball games played by the different groups, and also the socials of the young people of the church.

In 1947, the Church voted to establish the San Francisco Baptist Bible College, to be housed in the Center Building. Dr. Julianel was made President of the college and a fine personnel has been added. Each term sees an increasing number of young people registered in the regular school, young people

who are preparing themselves for definite service for their Lord. There are also evening classes which find not only young people but many adults of the church in regular attendance. These classes for the study of the Bible and of Bible History are having a wonderful influence upon those in attendance and others with whom they come in contact. Once more the Center—first a Service



*Dr. F. I. Drexler
Founder
S. F. Bible College*

Center, then a Youth Center—is a beehive of activity, both during the day and the evening. The dormitory is used by young men attending the college; chapel, kitchen and dining rooms are in use, and, as always, the gymnasium. But the one of which we are perhaps most proud is the ever-expanding library. Many fine books have been presented to the school, and the library is in constant use.

In 1947, in the eleventh year of their service, the church honored Dr. and Mrs. Julianel by sending them to attend the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in Copenhagen. While in Europe they were privileged to visit nine countries and twenty-six of the important cities of Europe. They saw much of the need and hunger of the people there and since their return the church has been even more active in its help for the needy peoples of Europe. What a marvelous growth has been witnessed in First Baptist Church in the last 12 years! When Dr. Julianel came, the attendance at the morning service averaged 150. During the war the average was between 1100 and 1200, but now it is about 1000. A strong evangelistic program is being carried on in the evening services, with a result that they, too, are unusually well attended. The Bible School has grown from an average of 75 a Sunday until today the Sunday average is about 700. But the increase in church giving has been most encouraging and noteworthy. In the year 1936-37 the amount raised for missions and for the regular expenses of the church was \$4,000. In the year 1947-48, eleven years later, the giving for missions and church expenses totaled \$118,000. The missionary spirit of the church is well expressed by the fact that the total for benevolences and missions has risen from \$1,200 in 1936-1937 to \$51,500 in 1947-48. It is indeed true that when missionary giving is given an important place in the church, that church is going to grow and prosper. The revival of interest in First Baptist Church has been felt all over the city of San Francisco—not among the members only. It has been a great incentive to Protestantism in all the city and has been the invitation to growth in all the churches. Protestantism has been given a great boost by the tremendous growth and the evangelistic spirit of First Church. Each year,



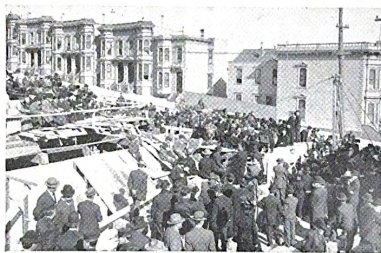
*Rev. F. J. Burger
Dean
S. F. Bible College*

at the beginning of the Spring Loyalty Campaign, goals are set by all departments of the Church. Each year these goals are made and passed. But there will ever be more goals to make and pass, more work to do for the Lord.

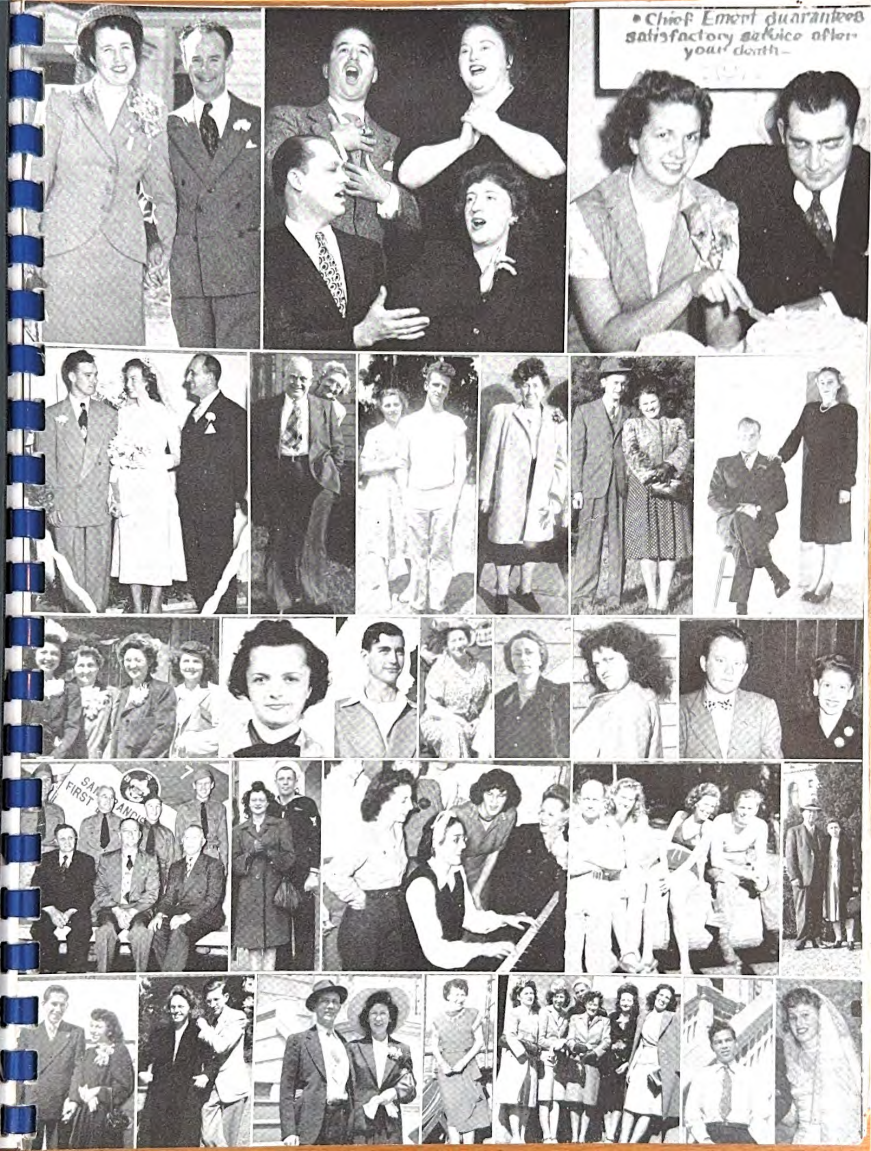
One Hundred Years! From such a small and humble beginning, when a group of six started the little church, we have grown to such a large church spreading such a wide influence in the City. There have been many difficulties and disappointments; periods of spiritual blessings and of spiritual dearth, but there has ever been a loyal group who stood by, even when things looked darkest, and the Lord has blessed them and others through them until today the church is the largest in its history and the strongest in every phase of its work. One thing stands out most plainly—that the periods of greatest blessing, the periods of greatest growth and influence, are the periods of greatest devotion to Christ and warmest evangelistic zeal to win others to Him.

DEAR OLD FIRST CHURCH—*set your goals ever higher for the next hundred years of golden achievements for the glory of our most wonderful and adorable Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ.*

—FINIS—



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San Francisco Today

RECOGNIZED AS A WORLD CITY in realms of Art, Literature and Music, as well as business, San Francisco, in the words of Fortune Magazine, is "the youngest of the world's truly cosmopolitan cities."

Typical of the way of life in San Francisco are such famous symbols as the Harbor and Bridges . . . the Golden Gate and the Ocean Beach . . . Coit Tower and Mission Dolores . . . the hills and cable cars . . . the Ferry Building . . . Fishermen's Wharf and the Cliff House . . . Italian flower vendors and Bohemian cafes . . . Market Street . . . Twin Peaks . . . the Opera, Symphony and Ballet . . . Chinatown and the International Settlement . . . smart shops and bountiful markets . . . exotic foods and superior restaurants . . . luxurious hotels and towering apartments . . . billowing fog and bright sunshine . . . parks, museums and schools.

Conscious as they are that theirs is a Storybook City, San Franciscans enjoy partaking of the city's varied delights. After a day of vigorous work there are the famed restaurants in many different quarters, all with excellent cuisine — Italian, French, Chinese, Mexican or Spanish, Russian, Swedish — every variety, the musical events and festivals, the art museums, or a choice of several lecture series, and other programs at the Opera House or Marine Memorial Club.

Many public institutions offer cultural facilities, such as The Academy of Sciences, Steinhart Aquarium; Municipal Opera House, where the Charter of the United Nations was created; San Francisco Museum of Art in the companion Veterans Memorial Building, which features modern paintings; and the De Young Museum at Golden Gate Park, with its more traditional collections; Bancroft Library at the University of California, and the Hoover Library at Stanford, which are meccas of scholarship.

Facilities for many kinds of sports may be enjoyed in the San Francisco area all year 'round. There are 53 parks in San Francisco. Golden Gate Park and the beach with Fleishhacker Zoo are best known; but 46 playgrounds and many other facilities offer varied attractions to the public.

Many golf courses, including three municipal links, are also found in San Francisco. Yacht Harbor with several boating and swimming clubs invites the marine sportsman. Fleishhacker Playfield, fronting the Pacific Ocean, affords one of the largest outdoor swimming pools in the world.

San Francisco is called "The City with a flower in its buttonhole," and you will notice the wearing of flowers is natural for San Franciscans. Typical are the sidewalk flower stands, which are symbols of the lightness of heart and gaiety characteristics of San Francisco.

San Francisco is also a great church city; however, it is predominately a Catholic City. It is estimated there are over 250,000 Catholics in our City, but we also have non-Catholic citizens who worship in 262 churches in San Francisco and the immediate suburbs. Of this number San Francisco has forty-six Baptist churches, 18 white and 28 colored.

Wherever you may be in San Francisco, you will be conscious always of the Bay and the Sea, and you may see across the City's expanse that famous Golden Gateway which opens to the Pacific world beyond. The Golden Gate is another of the symbols that typify San Francisco. Another, deeply rooted in the traditions and the past of this gracious city, is the famous old Mission Dolores, reminiscent of the faith which founded and built this city.

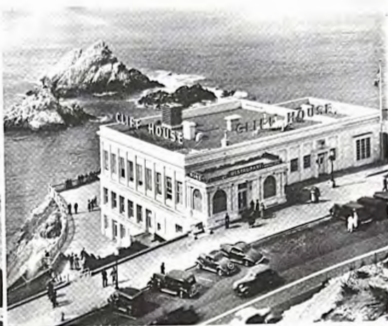
Here is a city that has been aptly described as "The City That Knows How." William Saroyan, San Franciscan of our own day who carries forward the city's brilliant literary tradition, says of his home: "No city in the world shines with greater promise. No city invites the heart to come to life as San Francisco does. Arrival in San Francisco is an experience in living . . ."

ON A CLEAR DAY in January, 1949, Chronicle Photographer Barney Peterson climbed into a small airplane and circled skyward over the San Francisco peninsula. At 12,000 feet, his camera lens reached out 250 miles to catch this remarkable shot of snow-covered Mount Shasta (alt. 14,162). The peak can be seen in the extreme background just a little to the right of center. Just to the left of Shasta are China Mountain, Cory Peak and Scott Peak, averaging over 8500 feet. To the left of this group is Russian Peak, 8183 feet. In the foreground may be seen the Spring Valley Lakes and the peninsula communities of Burlingame, Millbrae, San Bruno and South San Francisco. At the extreme right foreground is the San Francisco Municipal Airport. To the left of the airport, in the open space between Millbrae and South

San Francisco, is a section of the new Bayshore Freeway. The San Bruno hills are just beyond South San Francisco and to their extreme right is Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Above Hunters Point may be seen a section of the Bay Bridge and Treasure Island. Above the Bay Bridge are Point Richmond and Point San Pablo. On the extreme left side of the picture is San Francisco's famous beach, Seal Rock, the Cliff House, the Golden Gate and the Golden Gate Bridge (left center). Short of the Golden Gate Bridge may be seen the street patterns of the Richmond and Sunset districts, divided by Golden Gate Park. Just north of North Beach sits Alcatraz and beyond Alcatraz is Angel Island. The thin peninsula just behind Angel Island is Tiburon-Belvedere, forming the east shore of Richardson Bay.

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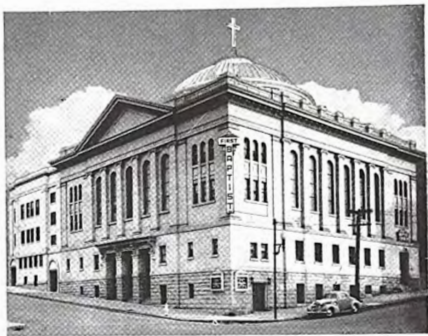




San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge, longest single span in the world. The Cliff House, San Francisco's largest curio and souvenir shop



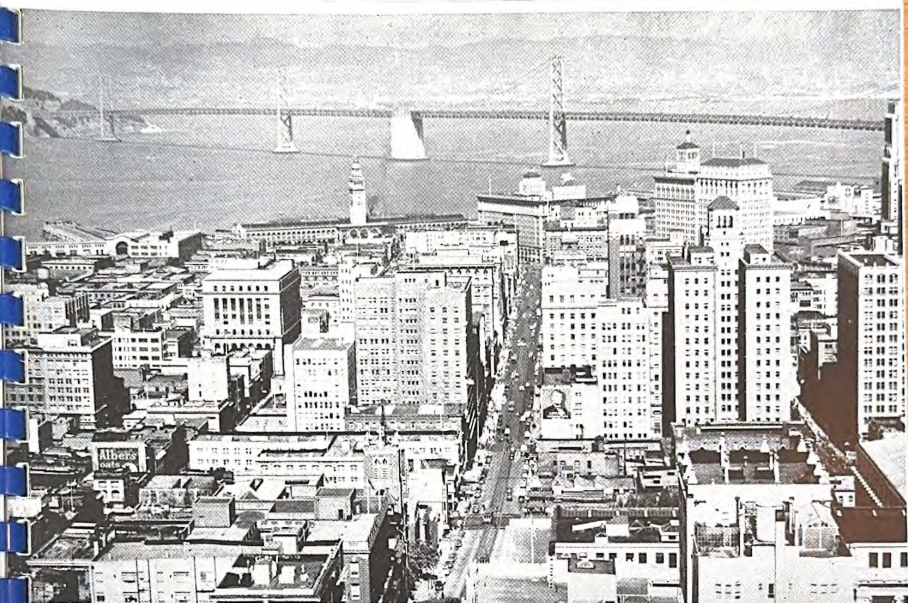
Chinatown and Cable Car



LIKE A BEACON LIGHT set on a hill, the First Baptist Church stands in the center of the city of San Francisco shining forth the light of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to all men, warning, as a beacon should, all those who are seeking the Haven of Rest that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The effect of this Bible-believing church does not end with the city limits of San Francisco nor with the boundaries of our state, but rather the ministry of this church is effective to the ends of the world through the missionary effort and vision that our members feel. The missionary-mindedness that we feel is largely due to the efforts of our pastor, Dr. Julianel, who maintains that the blessings of God are unlimited to the people who place the great commission of Christ foremost in their endeavors.



One of the many sidewalk flower shops that have become unique to San Francisco.

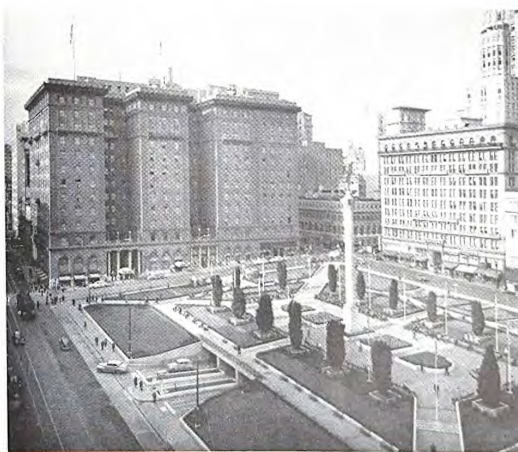


Top: Viewing a section of the Bay Bridge. Cable cars can be seen on California Street.

Above, left: Scene in San Francisco Golden Gate Park.

Bottom, left: Looking west from Yerba Buena Island to San Francisco.

Bottom, right: Union Square, showing cars emerging from the 1500-car underground garage.





Our Choir

1919

NOTES FROM AN ORGAN-BLOWER'S NOTEBOOK

My first association with the music of this church was when I was the organ blower. It was an active association, especially when the organist, young Hallet Mitchell, pulled out all the stops when playing the service postludes. In those days electric motors on pipe organs were very rare, so the boy who pumped air into the organ bellows really earned the salary of 50c for two services and a rehearsal. In the four-steeped church on Eddy Street the organ loft was high above the pulpit close to the star-studded ceiling of the auditorium. When the quartet, Fannie Denny, Florence Raymond, Richard Evans and C. S. Bareford, sang "Fill the Font With Roses," heaven seemed very close to my boyish heart. Vigorous Dr. J. Q. A. Henry was the pastor, and the professional quartet sometimes augmented by a chorus choir provided excellent music.

Dr. Boynton's pastorate was a short one; sorry especially were the fine group of young people that it was so. When the large edifice was burned and the lower floor rebuilt to accommodate the meetings, music continued as usual. Dr. E. A. Woods was pastor and Mr. Arthur McCurdie became choir director. A capable soprano soloist, Miss Helen Heath, was engaged to sing at the evening services and her many years of service made her many friends and admirers.

Then came the big quake of 1906 and after a few meetings in a home, the Swedenborgian Church was secured and Dr. Burlingame assumed his efficient term of service with us. With Hallet Mitchell still our organist and Mr. McCurdie chorister, the chorus choir rendered faithful service and gave an outstanding performance of Spohr's "God Thou Art Great."

When Mr. McCurdie received a call to become the president of a college in southern California, he surprised all, especially the former organ blower, when he willed his choir-master's job to yours truly. Then began a wonderful association and friendship between the music-lovers and the chorister. We gave one worthy concert in the Swedenborgian Church in which program we featured the artistry of the late Wallace Sabin, organist; Mrs. Gish and Miss Heath, soloists.

After laying of the cornerstone and completion of the present building, the music department had to be content with a reed organ; but in time the splendid instrument that is still in use was built and dedicated. What a joy it was to eyes and ears! The week of dedication was memorable with concerts by the famous organist, Dr. H. J. Stewart. Besides the regular singing at the services the choir gave special programs; most noteworthy was the elaborate production of "Queen Esther" at the Scottish Auditorium in 1914. With handsome costumes and delightful singing of the top-notch soloists and chorus, we were able to donate over \$200.00 to the organ fund. Mrs. Irene Kelley Williams, our soloist at this time, rose to national fame as an opera star in later years.

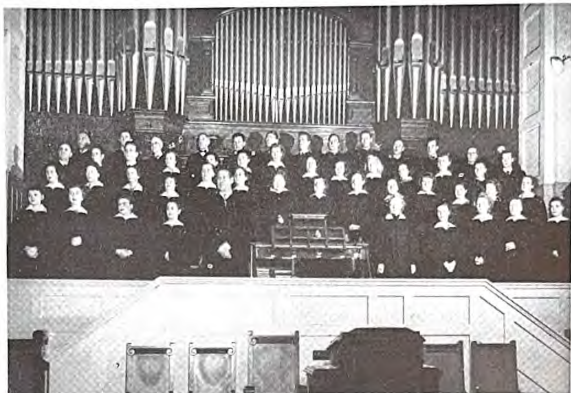
Mrs. Arthur Hill succeeded Irene Williams as church soloist and her exquisite voice and personality endeared herself to all. One more who gave staunch support to choir work and who for several years, although living in the East Bay, came regularly to sing with the choir as tenor soloist, was Joseph Jevons.

As I conclude these abbreviated notes, a feeling of nostalgia drifts in and a hope that all who have helped to make music in our church may join in "the great Amen."

WINFIELD E. BRACE

Our Choir

1949



"SING PRAISES UNTO THE LORD OUR GOD"

The choir of today is much like those of other days. Its members still sing praise to God at times until the welkin rings, bringing an inner warmth and joy to the hearers.

Names and faces change in the choir as elsewhere, each owner contributing his part to the whole. Mr. John Nicholls' work as organist-director and soloist brought much pleasure for many years; Mr. Byron Graber's pleasing personality and keen music sense made it a distinct pleasure to work with him during his two years as director; Mr. Edwin T. Rickman's faithfulness and extraordinary patience, and his untiring efforts to increase the membership of the choir and build up our music library to a notable degree during his four and one-half years of service, make his name one to remember. Today, Mr. Raymond S. MacIntosh, who joined us only a few months ago, is adding his contribution to those of the past. We are anticipating a renewed enthusiasm and a greater zeal for singing our Saviour's praises under his capable direction.

The ministry of music in our beloved church has been greatly enhanced by the outstanding talents and efforts of Mrs. Lucille Millar, organist for over six years; Mr. Bruce Millar, tenor, and arranger of special music; Mrs. Laurine Magura, soprano; Mr. Edward Tracy, well-loved tenor, whose voice we missed so much during the war, and a host of others who contributed talents of varying degrees and displayed a love for Christ and his service by their faithfulness and loyalty.

Many names have been omitted in this little sketch, but our Lord knows them all. Is not that enough?

RAYMOND S. MACINTOSH, *Director*
LUCILLE MILLAR, *Organist*

SOPRANOS

M. Batenhof
R. Cunningham
L. Magura
A. Dougherty
E. Fleishman
M. Glover
J. Gibson
A. Lewis
V. Lithgow
M. Moore
A. McDonald
L. Martin
D. McIntee
M. Nickell

A. Sweeney

G. Stanford
J. Tracy
M. Werner
L. Zeeder
E. Zeeder
B. Vannatta
B. Ogren
J. Ryberg
ALTO
G. Anderson
M. Bligh
D. Capper
G. Fry
D. Perine

ALTOS

D. Pederson
B. Pierce
C. Tracy
M. Tracy
E. Terlaac
P. Webster
R. Webster
T. Davis
TENORS
E. Tracy
B. Millar
E. Capper
R. Hyink
M. Stoughton

TENORS

T. Penn
BASSES
G. Allen
J. Ameral
A. Debr
J. Emmerton
D. Henderson
R. Kramer
J. Lithgow
W. Milley
N. Martin
H. Tracy
H. Thompson
J. Trammell



MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETING

THE MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETING is the barometer of the spiritual life of the church. According to this gauge we can understand why "Old First Church" has had wonderful spiritual growth these last twelve years.

The barometer of prayer is a very effective means of determining the spiritual life of any Christian organization. Being cognizant of this fact, our church has continually emphasized the imperative necessity for all of its members to be frequent intercessors and petitioners at the Throne of Grace, and to constantly endeavor to keep the communication lines open and in a state of effective usefulness. A testimony in this respect are the women of First Church, who have consistently congregated for prayer for the past fifteen years on Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock, enjoying together the precious experiences of appropriating from God's inexhaustible storehouse their own personal needs as well as the needs of our Church. God has also bestowed abundant blessing in our Wednesday night prayer hours, and has fulfilled our expectations far above that which we could ask or think. Sunday evening at six o'clock finds both young and old met together in the Church parlor as God's suppliant children; and in an attitude of solemnity with arms of faith extended heavenward, the majestic promises of God's Holy

Word are reverently and personally claimed, and in the school of experience we have come to know what the Father meant when He said, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." What an invitation! What a promise! What a challenge!



Mid-Week Prayer Meeting in 1944

And our faith is steadily increasing and abounding as Dr. Julianel, an undershepherd of the Lord Jesus Christ, leads us onward into Canaan to feed on greener pastures, to dwell beside calmer waters, and to drink from deeper wells containing the living waters of prayer.

VICTORIOUS GOSPEL MISSION

A Place of Practical Christian Service for our Young People

The Victorious Gospel Mission is one of the outstanding Missions of its kind. Its soul saving ministry has been carried on continuously in our city for over 22 years. It was in the early days of 1926 that Evangelist Jack J. Karmen, the founder and director of the Mission, felt the need of a sound and effective Gospel testimony in the neglected section of the South of Market district — downtown San Francisco.



Jack J. Karmen

After much prayer and waiting on God, he was led of the Lord to rent an old store building formerly used for a saloon; after some cleaning and renovation, the first Sunday school service was held on Sunday, September 12, with some 25 children in attendance. God began to bless the Ministry from the very beginning, the Sunday school which had had such a humble beginning continued to grow in attendance and efficiency and was carried on along with the Mission work for many years, and through its Ministry many children were brought to Christ.

At the beginning Mr. Karmen had no intentions of opening a Rescue Mission for the 'men of the slums'; he had planned to start a Sunday school in view of developing it into a community church. However, after a period of time, it became obvious that this plan could not be carried out successfully because the community consisted largely of Greek and Latin-American families. The location of the Sunday school being adjacent to the slum area, the regular weekly meetings were attended largely by the needy and homeless men; and because of this, it was not long before nightly meetings were necessary in order to reach many more of these men with the Gospel.

For several months, no food was served to the men after the services, but because most of these men who came to the meetings were poor, destitute and in need of food and shelter, we were led of the Lord to serve 'free' food after each service. The Mission work was carried on in this location for about four years; soon it became evident that larger quarters were needed for the Mission—then called the Eternal Life Mission.

We began to pray about this need; God answered our prayers and it wasn't long before a larger building was secured with some extra rooms affording better facilities for feeding and sheltering the men and a larger Mission Hall to accommodate the ever increasing attendance.

God continued to bless the Ministry of The Word mightily; in the new location, the Gospel was preached

nightly with much power and conviction, and in nearly every meeting souls were saved and back-sliders restored. The Ministry was carried on in this new place for several years. These were the years of the great depression and the enemy was very much aware of the fruitful ministry of the Mission. He certainly *did not like* to lose the souls held in his grasp . . . many times he raised strong opposition from various sources, and at times we were almost forced to close the Mission—but God was with us and carried us through *victoriously*—hence the new name of our Mission. Truly we have a Victorious Christ and a Victorious Gospel to proclaim.

It was in the year of 1933 when a group of young people from the First Baptist Church, led by the Assistant Pastor E. M. Dill, then the head deacon of the church, went down to the Mission once a week to witness for Christ in song and testimony; God has greatly blessed them in their work at the Mission during these many years. Later, this group was led by Harry Larson, now Pastor of the First Baptist Church of South San Francisco; then Roy Milam, and later by Allan Reeder, and at the present time by Baylus Meeks.

God has marvelously blessed the Ministry of our young people and crowned their efforts with the salvation of many souls; and not only so, but many of the young people themselves being blessed and enriched through this Ministry later caught the vision—going out in full time service for the Lord; among these were Rev. Harry Larson, and Roy Milam, Cecil Daily and others. Some of these men preached their first message at the Mission.

The Mission work is indeed the type of work that our Blessed Lord Jesus carried on when on earth. When he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion as they were like sheep gone astray. He didn't just stand by and watch—but He went where they were to meet their needs; He preached the Gospel and fed the hungry and healed the sick and lifted the fallen; thus He not only administered to their one great need which, of course, was the spiritual need, but was moved to meet their physical needs as well. What a practical Ministry of our Blessed Savior! As then, so now, we have the poor always with us, and the love of God constrains us to sacrifice our comforts, our time and means to be able in a measure to meet their needs. Truly the Rescue Mission presents a challenge to every Christian to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, to render a practical and sacrificial service to those who are lost and brought in bondage of sin.

RATHER THAN JUDGE AND CONDEMN THEM, RESCUE THEM FOR CHRIST. May God give us a fresher vision of the need of these poor lost souls and grant us a greater measure of Christian love and zeal to answer God's challenge and put forth every effort to reach them for Him who came to seek and save *that which was lost*.

FIRST BAPTIST SPORTS



Although the church does not have a highly organized athletic program, a few of its members have been inspired by the spirit of sports and today we have three basketball teams and a softball team.

Soon after the war, the director of Baptist Bay Cities Union felt the need of uniting the men of the Baptist churches through a Baptist basketball league, and sent out a letter expressing such a desire. At that time Charles Talley was our educational director. Being a real ball player, and enjoying the sport, Charlie gathered several of the fellows together and we entered the league made up of six teams. That year our team finished in third place.

In 1947 and 1948 Art Bruce organized a Victory team made up of men from the Victory B. T. U. The fellows who had played on the team the year before were for the most part from the Atoms B. T. U. and they, too, entered the league again. Despite two defeats, the Atoms came back to win the rest of the games and the championship that season.

Ernest Cuneo was elected president of the basketball league in 1948. Under his leadership the interest and spirit of the league has greatly increased. At the time of this writing, this year's champions are undecided, but may the best team win.

The above photo pictures some of the fast action that occurs on Tuesday and Thursday nights in the church gym. Centers Harold (T.N.T.), Freeman (Galaxy) start the game!



At right: Bob Hyink and his T.N.T. team. Much credit for the steady improvement of this squad goes to Bob who played with Victory last season.







Faculty of the San Francisco Baptist Bible College: From left to right, standing—Carl Barton Jones, James W. Bailiff, Frederick J. Berger, James C. Baldwin, Gilbert C. H. Bellshaw, Richard S. Byrd, Jr.; seated—Miss Margaret Hart, Mrs. F. H. Gallagher, Mrs. Doris Amoi, Mrs. Marion Stump. Other Faculty members: Lewis J. Julianel, Ernest L. Hastings.

SAN FRANCISCO BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH rejoices in its great venture in the field of education and training for the future leaders of our Baptist fellowship. This great project was recently consummated in the establishment of the San Francisco Baptist Bible College.

God has His own way and His own time in the development of the work of His kingdom. It is a wise Christian who waits upon the Lord that he may learn to know and to do the will of God. About thirty years ago the thought occurred to the writer that hundreds of Baptist young people were crowding non-Baptist schools and institutions of various kinds to secure training and education for Christian service. Why not a Baptist Bible College in Northern California? This question was put to prominent Baptist pastors, but the idea received no encouragement so was dropped. At the time when the suggestion was first made there was a young man by the name of Lewis J. Julianel, who was new in the ministry, also new to the Baptist faith, and who was pastor of one of the smaller churches in the San Joaquin Valley. Who could possibly have known that he had been chosen of God as the instrument through whom the plan would become a reality?

During the intervening years an interesting development occurred in the San Francisco Bay Area. The First Church of San Francisco had gone down in membership and resources until (of all things) it had to be given missionary aid to keep it alive. Its membership scattered until only 300 members

remained on the roll. Rev. David M. Dawson, who was serving as Director of Evangelism in the Northern California Baptist Convention, was called to this Church and through his capable ministry was able to check this decline and start it on the upward grade. At the end of his pastorate, Dr. Lewis J. Julianel was called from San Diego to become pastor of an almost hopeless situation. The turning point had come. Congregations began growing, converts kept the waters of baptism stirred. Church debts were paid, property improved, new properties acquired.

About four years ago the writer first broached the possibility of a Baptist College for the training of our young people in connection with the First Church of San Francisco to Dr. Julianel. The idea took root and plans were drawn up immediately to make a study of the methods and organization. Dr. F. I. Drexler was commissioned to visit the Rockmont College of Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of securing necessary data for the organization of the San Francisco Baptist College.

In February 1947 a meeting of a small group of Baptist laymen was called to discuss the proposed college. Dr. Drexler then presented a statement dealing with the founding, the doctrinal position, the objectives, the probable courses of study, the faculty likely to be needed, the requirements for the granting of diplomas and degrees, and the importance of proceeding with the incorporation of this significant educational institution. On recommendation of the First Baptist Church of San

Francisco it was voted that the writer proceed to draw up the incorporation papers.

This was done and the incorporation papers were signed by F. Carl Truex, James W. Bailiff, Bert A. Scott, Fred I. Drexler and Lewis J. Julianel. The Secretary of State, Frank M. Jordan, accepted



Day School students at the San Francisco Baptist Bible College.

the incorporation papers and affixed the Great Seal of the State of California to them on March 14, 1947. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors Dr. Lewis J. Julianel was elected President and Fred I. Drexler as Dean, Maxwell Stoughton as Treasurer. The title of "Founder" was voted F. I. Drexler, he to be known as such in the future history of the school. The following were added to the Board of Trustees: Rev. G. Archer Weniger, Dr. E. Ray Dugger, Dr. John J. PreVol and Frederick A. Olmsted, Virgil Erwin and Dr. Gilbert Bellshaw.

The problem of securing a capable faculty was then faced by the President and the Dean. The faculty for the first year would be composed of



A class in "Old Testament," Mr. Berger instructing.

two full time professors assisted by local pastors who had the requisite training and ability to teach. Rev. Frederick J. Berger of Los Angeles was called to the office of the Dean of the college at the close of the first year upon the resignation of Dr. Drexler. A Seal was adopted as required by law, with

the motto of the new school on it, "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth." The following teachers composed the faculty the first year: Dr. F. I. Drexler, Rev. Frederick J. Berger, Dr. Gilbert C. H. Bellshaw, Rev. Ralph C. Wilson, Rev. Carl Burton Jones, Rev. Vincent H. Coletta, Rev. James C. Baldwin, Mrs. Jessie M. Drexler, Bryant Wright, Dr. Lewis J. Julianel and Phil Philibosian.

The College opened for registration September 22, 1947. Thirty-nine registered the opening day, this number growing to 123 before the end of the school year. The spirit of the students was most excellent, the spirituality was high and the eagerness to serve Christ was great.

The financial basis of the school is secure in view of the generosity of the First Baptist Church which, during the first year, appropriated \$10,000 toward the school expenses and also provided a four-story building at 121 Haight Street which consists of offices, library, chapel, class rooms,



Library and Reading Room in the San Francisco Baptist Bible College.

dining room, kitchen, men's dormitory and gymnasium and all necessary equipment. The second year the Church increased their gift to \$12,000. One of the marked achievements in the first one and a half years of the life of the school was the building of a library. Through the generosity of many ministers and friends nearly two thousand volumes, including all necessary literature for Biblical, Theological and Academic research, have already been given. Efforts are under way to secure a woman's dormitory which is greatly needed and earnest prayer is being offered that God may put it on the heart of some of His true servants in the near future to provide for such quarters.

The future of the San Francisco Baptist Bible College seems to be assured. The training is distinctively Biblical, spiritual and practical. In time it will become a vital factor in the Baptist growth in Northern California and many churches will rejoice in its graduates who will be instruments in bringing great multitudes to our Lord Jesus Christ.



General Officers: Edna Anderson, Juanita Ray, Peggy Webster, Cara Garrett, Leota Foster, Ethel Parker, Dorothy Gatton, Edgar Stump, W. W. Rainsner, Dr. Julianel, Mr. Brehm.

BIBLE SCHOOL

The first Protestant Sunday school of California was inaugurated May 27, 1849, in the First Baptist Church building. The church itself was not organized until July. This last Sunday in May was subsequently called "Anniversary Sunday" and its observance was an important feature in the work of the church. On that day the Sunday school took entire charge of the morning service. All classes were represented and the work of the school was brought before the church, showing the progress made through the number of conversions and the amount contributed by each class for missions. Also, at this time, the class made a floral tribute in memory of any member who had passed on during the year. This work was started in the Washington Street church and continued for many years. Mr. Vining, Superintendent of the Market Street Railway, a brilliant Bible student, was one of our finest teachers.

From the Sunday school, the Bethesda Mission Sunday school at 1222 Howard Street was started in 1903 under the able supervision of Mr. A. B. Forbes. Our organizer, Mr. H. K. H. Mitchell, was its superintendent for many years, and the members of Deacon Brace's family were faithful teachers there.

Galilee Mission was started under the direction of Mr. J. L. Rogers, who was also the founder and teacher of the Baraca class—a class of young men, organized March 18, 1904. In two years' time the Baraca class had an enrollment of 120 members. Mr. Joseph Davis continued this splendid work.

The Philathea class of young ladies, aged 16 to 25, under the direction of Dr. Sara E. Wise, had much to do with the progress of the school. From this class came the majority of the teachers for the Sunday school. Among those who assisted Dr. Wise was Miss Ida Isham, who later went to India as a missionary. After Dr. Wise

was called to be the California state lecturer for the W. C. T. U., Mrs. G. J. Oehrli and Mrs. C. T. Powell in turn took over the leadership of the class, and Miss Lucy Whitwell, who had assisted Dr. Wise, was persuaded to lead a new class of older women which held its first session November 5, 1916, and adopted the name of 3 G class, representing "Grace, Grit and Gumption."

The Primary Department, or the Infant class as it was originally called, was taught in the Eddy Street church by Mrs. Loomis and Mrs. Harry Rindge. Later on Mrs. Kate Kellogg (Miss Kate Batchelder at that time) took her sister's (Mrs. Rindge) place and continued this work for a number of years. Miss Susan Durce, assistant to Dr. Burlingame, organized the Primary Department and performed an outstanding work among the young children, impressing upon their young minds the thought of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. From 1906 on, the Sunday School was graded, and it was then that Mrs. James Sexton, who followed Miss Durce, did such admirable work with the Beginners and Primary Departments. Mrs. Sexton later taught the Teachers' Training Class of high school age.

In recent years Mrs. Jeanette Rainsner has superintended the Beginners Department faithfully and well, while the Nursery Department has been under the patient and efficient supervision of Lydia Oxendine Phelps—two difficult tasks well done.

Among the Sunday school superintendents whom we have had down through the years were H. E. Wilkinson, G. W. Fraser, Hoye White, George Thomas, Walter Roberts, Lucy Whitwell, J. C. Moore, J. F. Kreutzer, Everett Croes, E. Bryant, Bessie Douglass, and now, still guiding our school after nearly twelve years, is Mrs. Edna Anderson, whose devotion to the task and steadiness of purpose have won our admiration. Mr. Wilbur



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Left to right: Mrs. Edna Anderson, Nels Nelson, Miss Cara Garrett, Mrs. Mildred Thompson, W. W. Rainsner.

Rainsner has served faithfully as assistant superintendent during much of Mrs. Anderson's time of service.

Today our Bible school, as we prefer to call it, has nine departments in five buildings, with an approximate enrollment of 900 and average attendance of 650. The highest attendance mark reached so far was 1080 on October 19, 1948. Many are the faithful, untiring and unsung workers who have helped bring about this growth, notable among whom is Mrs. Jeanette Widener, superintendent of the Primary Department.

The Home Department, was active in 1905, was organized in recent years by Miss Lucy Whitwell and has a membership of approximately 50 shut-ins. The members receive church and Sunday school literature; greeting cards on special occasions; and at Christmas and Thanksgiving time small baskets of goodies made pos-

sible by the kind cooperation of the 3 G class. Personal calls and an occasional prayer meeting also help to brighten the lives of these dear people who are unable to attend our regular Bible school.

Our first Daily Vacation Bible school was initiated in 1915, and is now a regular part of our yearly program. Those two weeks of concentrated effort in the summer or fall invariably bear fruit for the Lord.

With an attendance goal this year of 1001; and members ranging in age from one month to 92 years in regular attendance; and with a spirit of renewed enthusiasm and increased devotion to the task of winning disciples for the Master through the teaching of His Word, the outlook for our Bible school is one of continued numerical and spiritual growth. That we may prove faithful is our prayer.

OUR BUS

A chartered Gray Line bus has been bringing boys and girls to our Bible School each Sunday since late 1945. The original sponsor of this project was Mrs. Nell Bruce, one of the regular workers of our church. Later sponsors are Mrs. Clarence Widener, Mr. John Carmack, Mrs. Delilah Spece and Mr. Lynn.





CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT

Although the Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School can't boast of any who have been "born again," or baptized, yet the department does more indirectly to accomplish these ends than any other department of the Sunday School. This is readily seen when one realizes the large number of church workers who bring in their little ones so that they are free to do the Lord's work.

Our Cradle Roll Department is supervised by one of our Christian workers, Mrs. Mamie B. Wilson; she is assisted by Mrs. Lois Thorpe. The Lord called Mrs. Wilson for this service and has truly blessed the work under her leadership.

The work in this department is summed up for us by Mrs. Wilson in the following sentence: "Our babies of today are our leaders of tomorrow."

JUDITH ANN ANDERSON
CAROL GAY AMERAL
JOHN SCOFFNER ABBY
LYNDA KAY ANDREWS
LARRY RICHARD APLET
CAROL JOYCE ALBERT
MERRIANNE BASS
CHARLES FLICK BRUCE
JOSEPH WADE BRUCE
JILL CRADDOCK
EARL MICHAEL BROWN
MICHAEL EUGENE BALLINGER
BARBARA MARIE FENN
DANIEL E. CASE
RAY EDWARD CUSHMAN
DEWAIN K. CUMMINGS
DAVID DAWSON DEHN
DONALD EARLE OLINER
SUSANNE TOPPING
ILLANE ELIZABETH CARR
PAMELA SUSAN CRITTENDEN
GEORGE LAWRENCE BOWIE
WAYNE LEE EVERHANT
DALE ELIOT ERB
FRANK W. EARLEY
ALICE ANN FADENNECHT
ALAN ARTHUR GIBSON
SANDRA LEE GATELY
BEVERLEY ELAINE GALLO
JENNIFER LYNNE GOTHBERG
TIMOTHY EDWARD HARRISON
ROBERT HIKOK

RONALD CARPENTER HEMMAN
DEANA KAY HAMILTON
JANICE ANN HYINK
KATHERINE E. HENTHOM
REX STEWART HIME
STEPHEN LAMAR JARRELL
DWAYNE LUIS JENNINGS
CARLYN KEYES
BONNIE KAREN LIDYAY
GLENN LEE McDANIEL
MARILYN JOY LIKPE
CHRISTOPHER GEORGE LEWIS
RICHARD DAVID MILLAN
RONALD CHESTER MATTHEWS
DENNIS LLOYD McDONALD
MARCIA VALNEE MERRILL
JOHN CHARLES MERRILL
DANIEL EDWARD MARSH, JR.
WILLIAM JAMES T. MARTIN
LAURA ANN SMITH
KATHLEEN ALICE MEDINA
JOHN E. NOBLE
SAMUEL RUSSELL OSBORNE
MARY JANE O'NEILL
KAREN LOUISE PETERSON
JOANNE CAROL POND
JEAN PALMER
FINA PARQUALINO
DONNA RAE PARK
PETER ADAM PETERSON
ELLYN RAE PERRINE
THOMAS HENRY ROBERTSON

KATHLEEN RANERI
RALPH RODRIGUEZ, JR.
MARILYN LOUISE SEREDA
RICHARD SORDINI
ROBERT WAYNE SCHMIDT
ALAN DALE SNYDER
STEVEN SHUMAN
EUGENE C. STONE III
MARGARET BRENDA PAGLIARI
RUTH ACHILLA PAGLIANI
DONA JEAN TWING
VIRGINIA JOYCE THORPE
ROBERT WESLEY THARLSEN
PATRICK EDWARD TRACY
DOUGLAS EDWARD UNDERWOOD
DONNA KAY VIRGIN
LINDA MICHAEL VORIS
GLORIA JANE WRIGHT
MARILYN L. GROSE
GEORGE ALLEN WILLIAM
FREDRICK GRANT WELLS
WILLIAM LEANORD WELLS
GRADY HUGH WELLS
RABIN IRENE WOODS
ELLEN LOUISE WHITELY
LYNDA ANN WHITE
BARBARA ELAINE YOUNG
JOHN WAYNE VALENTINE
CHARLES WALTER BLAYLOCK
CANDACE AN PROVAST
IRENE TRAKAS
GEORGE ROGERS



Superintendent: Lydia Phelps; Teachers and Helpers: Marian Daggett, Ilteen Boone, Louise Sladek, Mrs. T. L. Tompkins, and Mrs. Erma Harrison.

NURSERY DEPARTMENT

We, the toddlers and the walkers, as Dr. Julianel has so aptly named us, are the two and three year olds in the Nursery Department. Here we first learn how much Jesus loves us and all the children of the world.

Sometimes our first entry to the class proves to be either a boisterous or tearful visit, but with our opening song, "In God's House Be Very Quiet," we become miraculously silent, much to the amazement of our parents.

We have a regular order of service, like the big folk; our Bible lesson from God's Word, memory verses, love gift offering, motion songs and flannel board stories.

We launch a small ship on our memory verse board, and as we learn new verses, we sail out

into the high seas, with Jesus as our pilot.

In order that our parents may attend the morning worship, we remain in the Nursery Department, after a slight intermission, where we have games, hand work and play period. The church graciously furnishes us with cookies and milk, and during this hour we become acquainted with other boys and girls and our teachers. The last 15 minutes we return to our circle and review our Sunday School lesson, verses, and sing our songs.

Some of our teachers are our own mothers, whose hands we could not unclasp on that first visit, and are today most competent in our department. We look forward to the time we shall have a new building, and have the first floor all to ourselves.

JOAN ABLES
PATRICIA ADAMS
MARY AMERL
GRACE AMERL
JUDY ANDERSON
SHERRY BANKS
GLORIA BENIS
GARY BENIS
BOBBY BIDWELL
TOMMY BONE
BERNARD BUCKLEY
RUTH CLENDENY
LINDY CRIPPEN
JIMMY CRUMPLER
KATHLEEN DAHL
PAULA DE LOACH
BOBBY EVANS
GERALDINE FABREH
ROY LEE FAVERTY

DENISE GORMAN
FRANCES HARRISON
GEORGANN HEATH
VIRGINIA HENDERSON
KATHERINE ELIZABETH
HENTHORNE
BRINDA HENSLEY
SHARLENE HERMAN
JERRY HERMAN
SANDRA HURLBURT
ROBIN HYINK
CRAIG INGRAM
BARBARA JEAN KINNEY
NORMA CLAIRE KOCH
CHRISTINE KRATZ
ORION LARSON
GEORGIA LOWRIE
BONNIE KAREN LYDAY
DARLA JEAN MOHON

SUSANNE MURTEY
SUSAN NEWLON
JULIA ANN NICHOLS
JOHNNY NOBLE
ELEANOR NORDINI
MARINE PAGLIARI
BRENDA PAGLIARI
JUDY PARKS
RONALD RAYE
MAYME JEAN ROBERTSON
BILLY ROCA
GLORIA SERGEANT
LORENE SHAW
EDDIE SLEDEK
VICTORIA SHAW
GEORGE THORPE
DREW TRACY
GLORIA TRACY
MARIE VALENTINE



MRS. JEANETTE BLOWERS RAISNER, Superintendent
Teachers: Bee Jay Raisner, Olga Zeeder, Miriam Stoughton, Bernice Thompson,
Jeneva White.

Beginners Department

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

In the summer of 1948, Rev. Harold Kuhle of Kentucky told our people how a class such as this, formed in his own Church, kept NEW members who file in at the FRONT door from passing right on through the BACK door and become lost to the effective workings of the body of Christ.

His message thrilled a great number of people, and at the next meeting of the "Evangelistic Committee" the subject of our having a like class was voted and carried, to have Dr. J. W. Dollin, chairman, to bring it before the Board of Deacons for discussion and approval. This was done and fully authorized at their August meeting and the Pastor, not feeling led to act in capacity of teacher of said class, definitely appointed Deacon Dollin to have charge of the class, which had its first lesson on October 31, 1948, with nine new members in attendance.

The four rotating subjects are: The Plan of Salvation; How to Grow in the Christian Life; Why We Are Baptists and What Baptists Believe; the Program of the Church and YOUR Place in It.



Members who have completed course: Lowell R. Aplet, George W. Allen, H. L. Becker, Irma Brown, Lillie Bresson, Beulah Bennett, Thelma Bergstrom, Thelma Copinger, Milford B. Cox, Jewel Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Davis, Josephine Doelstedt, Carl Erickson, John A. Emmerton, Ruth Edenfield, Andrew Esogy, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Esogy, Thelma Fallio, Allen F. Fitzgerald, Olive Fuller, Percy A. Fuller, Bonnie Good, William T. Grass, Charles A. Gray, Virgil M. Haggard, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Hawkins, John J. Hebert, Jeanne Harper, Leonia Lane, Ollie Langerak, John Langerak, R. C. Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kelly, Erna Milam, Anna Maurice Mauldin, Lillian Meebin, Lucy McPeck, A. W. Moody, Sally Richardson, Mrs. L. Speck, Miss Pat Seidell, Isabella Shirar, Ethel M. Starbuck, James O. Tranel, Phyllis M. Trimmer, Mary Lois Texada, Nancy A. Stettler, Richard W. Stettler, Grace L. Wadsworth, Joan Lenore Walken, Estelle Waterman, Frank Wiedow, Nannie M. Wilson, P. L. Collins, Alice J. Gantt, Violet R. Humphrey.

New Membership Class

BEGINNERS

In the beginners department, where you will find some 50 four and five year old boys and girls each Sunday morning, we are trying to give the children a "beginning" to love, to help, and to understand about Jesus. Each Sunday there are some six or seven young women to help teach them their lessons, to work and to play with them, for small people learn as much through their play as through their work.

We love to sing, and our songs are chosen for the lessons they teach. Many of our songs are motion songs and you would really enjoy hearing and seeing us sing the story of David and Goliath.

We try to teach each child the love of Jesus, and of each other, and the fact that even a little child can be a helper. We learn some of the simpler Bible verses and come to know many of the stories from God's Word.

During the morning service, after the hour of Bible School, many of the children stay in the Beginners' room to play while their parents attend Worship. Here we play games and sing and have a bite to eat until our parents come to take us home.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Isaiah 54:2—"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." This is the scripture which has inspired us to greater goals in our Primary department. Starting eight and one-half years ago with only four classes, there are now 20 classes with 20 consecrated and efficient teachers.

A flannelgraph story with the plan of salvation is given in the opening worship period each Sunday, with one or more children accepting Christ as Saviour. A number of our Primaries have followed the Lord in baptism and are members of our Church. The aim of the department is to reach every boy and girl of Primary age for Christ.



MRS. JEANNETTE WIDENER, *Superintendent*
MRS. BEULAH McCARTER, *Assistant Superintendent*
AMOS McCARTER, *Secretary*

Teachers: Miss Carol Cooley, Mrs. Amy Twining, Mrs. Mary Ellen Ward, Mrs. Kaye Frank, Mrs. Juanita Bancho, Mrs. Emma Guiller, Miss Billie Vanatta, Mrs. Alice Davis, Mrs. Ray Hall, Miss Anna Mae Sweeney, Mrs. Merle DeLoach, Miss Gladys Anderson, John Corcoran, Miss Lois Adkins, Mrs. Helen Wardlaw, Mrs. Elsie Hurst, Miss Colleen Wilson, Miss Astrid Olson, Miss Mildred Torres, Glenn Davis, Clarence W. Widener.

PRIMARY



MR. NELS NELSON, *Superintendent*
MRS. GERALD OSBORNE, *Assistant Superintendent*
MRS. A. L. PIERCE, *Secretary*

Teachers: Mrs. Jewel Tracy, Miss Helen Hamill, Miss Peggy Hamill, Miss Dorothy Gatten, Miss Rachel Watson, Miss Hannah Watson, Mrs. California Koenig, Miss Dorothy Conner, Mrs. Helen Smith, Mr. Lloyd Hamill, Mr. Art Peterson, Mr. Bill Carr, Mr. Lowell Aplet, Mr. E. Schermerhorn, Miss Annie Casey.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

This department is very fortunate in having a fine superintendent, Mr. Nels Nelson, as well as a group of capable, consecrated teachers who recognize that children from nine to twelve years of age are in the period of their lives when the ability to memorize can most easily be developed, and that Junior children are given to hero worship besides being very active. Thus the teachers plan their courses accordingly. One of the outstanding workers is the departmental secretary, Mrs. Emma Pierce, who has had a perfect record of attendance and being on time for the past ten years.

Teachers constantly keep in mind the verse of Scripture so applicable to Juniors: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Ecclesiastes 12:1.

JUNIOR



MR. AND MRS. ART BRUCE, *Superintendents*
DON RAISNER, *Assistant Superintendent*
ROBERTA SUNDE, *Pianist*

Teachers: Mrs. Edna Bruce, Mrs. Ethel Bruce, Mrs. Frances Davis, Miss Gloria Flash, Mr. Ford Franks, Mr. Bill Hagan, Mr. Don Henderson, Mr. Carl Hunter, Mrs. Hubert Slack, Mrs. Thelma Peters, Mrs. Dorothy Klinefelter.

JR. HIGH

SENIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT

The need for a Senior High School Department had long been felt, so in the summer of '47, some 25 pupils and teachers met in the church parlor and organized this group. Mrs. Wesley Tharlsen served as Superintendent, and Mrs. Cletus Osborne, Mrs. Bob Albright and Frank Gateley were the first teachers. Bill Raisner assisted in the music.

When Mrs. Tharlsen found it necessary to resign, Miss Harriett Bruce became Superintendent. She and her workers have carried on an extensive visitation program, and many lives have been touched for Him. Due to illness in the home, Miss Bruce had to resign and the present Superintendent is Mr. Baylus Meeks. He is ably supported by Mrs. Roy Faverty, Mrs. Fred Berger, Mrs. David Lithgow, Mrs. Clarence Nelson, Mr. Clarence Nelson, Mr. Nils Lindquist, and his faithful wife, Mrs. Meeks. This group averages around 40 each Sunday.



BAYLUS MECKS, *Superintendent*
Lois Johnson, *Secretary* Ray Moore, *Assistant Secretary*
Teachers: Niles Lindquist, Clarence Nelson, Lois Lithgow, Margaret Faverty, Lois Berger.

SR. HIGH

JUNIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT

In percentage of attendance to the number on the roll the Junior High Department of the First Baptist Church Sunday School is a leader, not only in this church but throughout the nation. The enrollment for the department is 75, with an average attendance of 60, possibly the most consistent attendance of any department of the church.

This department is fortunate in having a group of consecrated, trained, and conscientious teachers who realize the importance of reaching and training this age group.

Social functions are properly sponsored each month, thereby providing the social side of life which is so essential for young people of Junior High age.

The teachers of this department, as they stand before their classes Sunday after Sunday, can have the satisfaction of knowing they are planting the seeds of the gospel in hearts and lives that are to be the church of tomorrow.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

BARACA CLASS

The Baraca Class consists of young men of college age. Our desire is to learn more of the Word of God; how to apply it to ourselves, then to others. As Christians, we look forward to the second coming of Christ. Therefore, as the future leaders of this church, it is our duty as young Christians to anchor ourselves firmly in the Word, so as to be ready "when the bridegroom cometh."

Every six months there is an election of officers, at which time plans are formulated for the coming term. The members are very active in the many church activities. Besides having their own occasional socials, the T. N. T. Quartet was formed by members of this group, and others play for the T. N. T. basketball team and church softball team. May God add his blessings on this class.



BARACA CLASS

Seated, left to right: Virgil Burgess, Bob Harkey, Clyde Brehm, David Wade, Rex Hardage, Sheldon Parker. Standing, left to right: Layne Walbert, Lyle Ray, Pfc. Foster Griffith Jr., Pfc. John Wm. Wood, Edward Tracy (teacher), Joe Dunn, Warren Gordon, Bill Meyers.

BARACA



Members: Bill Byrd, Charles Sowers, Milford Cox, Joe Noble, Berry Kidwell, W. Frank Paul, Daniel Elrich, Ernie Fisk, Edward Bean, John Coppa, Edward Harwell, Louis Brewer, John Cocoran.

LOS CONQUISTADORES

We chose to give our class the Spanish appellation of **LOS CONQUISTADORES** for two reasons: One, historical; the other, scriptural. The historical reason is in remembrance of the Spanish Conquerors who crossed the storm-tossed ocean during the latter part of the 15th century and in the beginning of the 16th century with what might be appraised as a handful of men, equipment and supplies, and subdued massive Indian armies numbering many times their constituency. Their unparalleled successes can be attributed to three major causes: (1) superior equipment, (2) military discipline, and (3) Indian allies. As we **CHRISTIANS** face our enemies, which far surpass us in number, we have inexhaustible resources for success. Among them we have superior equipment (II Cor. 10:4); military discipline (II Tim. 2:3,4), and an omnipotent ally (Rom. 8:31), and with **GOD** for our Captain (II Chron. 13:12), we are sure to triumph victoriously as Conquerors. The spiritual reason behind our chosen name, *Los Conquistadores*, is stated in Rom. 8:37: "Nay in all these things we are more than Conquerors through Him that loved us." Thus, we have declared war on our enemies: the world, the flesh and the devil.

Los Conquistadores



MRS. CUNNINGHAM, Teacher
JOYCE BOLTON, President
CHARLOTTE TIMBERSA, Vice-Pres.

Seated, left to right: Jeanene Reeves, Edna Rodriguez, Betty Ogden, Lorraine Trower, Vivian Meyer, Adriene Alexander; standing: Dorothy Wallen, Jenny Dorsey, Joyce Bolton, Mrs. Cunningham, Geraldine Fry, June Larsen, Vondina Baldwin. Other members: Julia Casey, Francis Grove, Joyce Childs, Maxine Moore, Charlotte Timbersa.

DOROTHY WALLEN, Recording Secretary
VIVIAN MEYER, Corresponding Secretary
GERALDINE FRY, Treasurer

WINSOME

PHILATHEA CLASS

In February, 1905, the Philathea Class (Lovers of Truth) was organized with a membership consisting of eight teen-age girls among whom was our own Beth Robertson. Their teacher, a gifted young woman physician, Dr. Sara E. Wise, did much for the class and in a glorious manner through the work of the Holy Spirit built the class to an average membership of seventy-five. Dr. Wise served as teacher for twelve years until she resigned to become the State Lecturer of the WCTU.

The Philathea Class of today is made up of college and business girls. Once a month the girls gather at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Cathy Hyink, for prayer-meditation and class business.

The Philathea is a national organization found in many churches. Our own charter bears the date February 12, 1905.



Seated, left to right: Grace Stanford, Elaine McEae, Ouida Arnold, Mildred Thompson, Virginia Anderson, Bess Masson; standing: Lois Duncan, Vice President; Virginia Riggs, Social Chairman; Ann Haggard, President; Carolyn Duncan, Treasurer; Willine Brashears, Recording Secretary; Jean Keith, Marvel Cunningham, Edna Gortley, Geraldine Wallin. Members not pictured: Doris Lintz, Jerry Arth, Betty Johnson. Honorary members: Dorothy Fink, Emma Dean English, Nancy Jane Hall, Billie Vannatta.

WINSOME CLASS

Our class decided that an appropriate name for our group should not only be a designation but also a challenge. For that reason, the name WINSOME was chosen. I Corinthians 9:22 has served well as stimulus for our group, as we have taken heed to the great apostle's words: "To the weak I became a weak man, that I might win the weak. I have, in short, been all things to all sorts of men that by every possible means I might WIN SOME to God." As a result, we are ever asking our God to give us of the wisdom, of the strength, and of the winsomeness of His Son, our Saviour, in order that we might by all means WIN SOME. Thus, with our goal in view, and with the consciousness that the end is drawing near, we speed forth on the race-course of time, that we might WIN SOME before His clarion call brings down the curtain on the last act of this age of grace.

PHILATHEA

THE LIGHTBEARERS CLASS

After the war many of the service personnel that made up the Lightbearers Class returned to their homes. So in the summer of 1946 the class decided to invite all of the members of the Atoms B.T.U. group to join them. Once again the class was well on its way onward and upward!

Now the class invites all couples thirty years of age and under to study God's Word under the very capable leadership of Max Stoughton.

Several times a year the group has socials at which all members become better acquainted. Because of these affairs, a fine spirit of Christian fellowship prevails among the class members.

Besides studying the Word on Sunday and throughout the week, this group has a special interest in two missionaries, the Joe Meekos in Japan and the Dan Carrs in China. A special prayer list is kept of the prayer requests of these couples.

Won't you join us in prayer for our missionaries? Wouldn't you like to be a member of this "on-fire" group of young people for Christ?



Class members: Lester and Ardis Arvidson, Bill and Helen Carr, George Casey, Laura Cuddie, Gene and Helen Erb, Charles and Ruth Frazee, Banie and Anna Marie McDonald, Pearl and Bayless Meeks, Stan and Dorothy Pederson, Clyde and Mildred Perrine, Art and Miriam Peterson, Percy and Mary Ann Pond, Calvin and Cybil Russell, Bill and Lorraine Tacklund, Paul and Lois Thorpe, Ed and Connie Tracy, Harry and Amy Twining.

LIGHTBEARERS



Members: John and Hazel Ameral, Vernon and Rachel Beale, Robert and Wilma Bidwell, William R. and Carmen Bradford, S. C. Brown, Metta Butenhot, Albert and Dorothy Dehr, Malon and Merle De Loch, Bertie and Mildred Easley, Arthur and Dorothy Gay, Art and Irene Gibson, Don and Emma Guillera, Ray and Priscilla Hall, Treva Hardage, Weldon and Margaret Harkey, Tillie Hastings, Ralph Hendman, Florence Henderson, Edward and Eunice Jackson, Edward and Anna Jordan, Roland and "Cal" Koenig, Lloyd Linn, Barbara McKinney, B. R. and Elizabeth Newton, Ed and Katherine Oppiger, Cletus and Ann Osborne, Evelyn Potts, Kenneth Rook, Ray and Dorothy Sargent, Ed and Dorothy Schermerhorn, Ruth Shuman, Ralph and Eleanor Snyder, Madeline Stevenson, Ed and Marian Stump, Pauline Thomas, Roy Thompson, G. M. Wardlow.

BEACON

BEACON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Beacon Class of the Sunday School was organized out of the Lightbearers Class when the latter had grown so large as to become unmanageable. The Lightbearers Class was started in 1940 for newly married couples and was attached to the Young People's Department of the Sunday School. In 1942, Mr. Harry Larson, the teacher of the Lightbearers Class, realized that there were enough couples in his class to warrant the organizing of a new class. This new class was composed of the older couples in the Lightbearers Class. These two classes then banded together and became the Young Adult Department of the Sunday School.

The Beacon Class has had four teachers: Mr. Harry Larson, who is now the pastor of the First Baptist Church in South San Francisco; Mr. Jack Kause, who was called to a church here in San Francisco; Major Tucker, USA, who served until he was transferred from this area, and the present teacher, Mrs. Marian Stump. The first president of the class was Pat Schawly. Now in this office is Mr. Bert Newman.



S. O. S. CLASS—First row, left to right: Mrs. G. C. Crow, Ceverena Bunnell, Mariel Erlandson, Joanne Brehm, Peggy Webster, Juanita Ray, Frances Smith. DORCAS CLASS—Second row, left to right: Mary Ross, Pauline Ross, Pauline Evans, Marjorie Crumpler, Christine Brown, Lillie Hughes, third row, left to right: Ruth Love, Evelyn Landry, Novella Gaw, Gladys Cullen, Estelle Waterman, Mary Banks; fourth row, left to right: Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, Sylvia Carcass, Helen Gilliam, Leta Asaro, Naomi Henthorne, Ramona Berkeneder, Gwen Benas.

DORCAS - S.O.S.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Since the total sum of individuals who comprise the Men's Bible Class constitutes a unified assemblage all of whom are persuaded that study of God's Word is enjoined upon every believer as an indispensable to victorious Christian living, Sunday morning at 9:30 finds them in their places with prepared and expectant hearts, anxious to hear God's Word expounded and discussed by their very able and Spirit-led teacher, Fred Olmsted. Vital, living Christianity in the lives of men is one of the crying needs of the hour. Tomorrow's generation will be for the most part just a mirrored reflection of that of today. The consciousness of this astounding truth is a perpetual challenge to walk circumspectly that we might be able to say with the Apostle John: "I have no greater joy than to hear what my children walk in truth." According to Andrew Murray, the Word of God was not given to increase our knowledge, but to affect our conduct. And in accordance with this solemn thought, we are endeavoring by the grace He so abundantly supplies to become living epistles of our Lord and magnify His Worthy Name.

DORCAS CLASS — S. O. S.

The Dorcas Class was organized during the war for wives of servicemen. It had a roll of some fifty women. After the war the wives gradually returned, including the teacher, to their respective states, until the class dwindled to a very low ebb. What few remained found their places in other classes.

In January, 1946, the class was re-organized with some four or five members. Since that time, it has gradually grown until today we have thirty-two regular members with many that come occasionally.

Our motto is "Saved to Serve." Text: Acts 9:36-42; song, "Make Me a Blessing." Flower: Rose, red.

In September of 1947 the class was divided and the S. O. S. class for business and professional women came into being. Mrs. Maud Crow became the teacher of the new class.

The picture above is of both classes.



CLASS OFFICERS

DR. LEWIS J. JULIANEL, Pastor MR. FRED A. OLMSTED, Teacher

M/SGT. JOSEPH W. PATTERSON, President
Other officers and members: Lyle E. Asher, James F. Prigodich, James Sutherland, Homer M. Tweed, Rodger Mitchell, Charles S. Perkins, Joseph Ward, A. Assin, H. V. Allingham, R. L. Anderson, F. A. Arwood, C. B. Arvidson, W. A. Bindi, G. Bohannon, L. Brehm, J. B. Brinsmade, J. M. Carr, G. Chilton, W. Clanton, E. R. Comstock, W. Dean, L. H. DeFord, J. W. Dollin, V. R. Erwin, A. W. Fadenrecht, F. Fay, A. Friedly, J. Fusch, J. M. Gault, L. Gotswald, S. Gray, G. Grayton, A. A. Hall, R. H. Hamill, C. Hana, B. Harper, R. D. Harris, R. C. Hawes, L. Hill, E. Hoef, F. P. Inzel, A. E. Johnson, L. L. Kelly, W. Lewis, G. Lindorff, N. Lindquist, J. Lithgow, R. Markle, J. R. Marshall, J. H. Marx, A. L. Mathews, A. Meister, W. J. Miller, N. F. Mosier, C. W. Nelson, F. L. Patton, R. J. Pehlman, T. W. Rowlands, R. Savles, G. Schaefer Jr., B. Scott, B. A. Scott, J. Scott, J. N. Sessano, H. Silverman, G. Singleton, G. Singleton Jr., H. Slack, T. H. Small, L. E. Stark, W. Stout, G. W. Sundstrom, H. G. Thompson, M. E. Tidd, A. Tyler, D. Wagner, A. G. Wallart, J. Wall, J. V. Wallace, C. J. Walters, E. E. Ware, E. Wason, F. Weidours, E. L. White, M. Whitehouse, H. G. Williams, N. Williams, A. Zenaido.

MEN'S CLASS

BEREAN CLASS

The Berean Women's Bible Class had the distinction of winning the attendance banner on Rally Day in October for having the greatest percentage of attendance of all adult classes.

The Berean Class had a commendable percentage of 94 on that day, leading all other adult classes. There were 49 members of the total 52 registered present at the meeting.

During the past Easter Crusade there were 63 women present one Sunday morning, a notable increase in the three years the class has been in existence. It was started September 7, 1945, with only four members.

Three charter members are still on the class rolls: Mrs. Lither Hess, Mrs. Pearl Armstrong and Mrs. Anna Hollinger. Mrs. John Sohlbom was the first teacher and Mrs. E. Shannon the first president.

In June, 1946, Mrs. Sue Dollin was elected teacher, with Mrs. Bertha Lehn president. On January 1st of this year, Mrs. Dollin was re-elected teacher and Mrs. Allie Shipman was elected president for the year.



Members: Mrs. Pearl Armstrong, Mrs. Emma Batten, Mrs. Pearl Bohannon, Mrs. Ray L. Bonner, Mrs. Lillian Conyes, Mrs. Bertha Craven, Mrs. Sue Dollin, Teacher: Miss Dorothy Gatten, Mrs. Ida B. Green, Mrs. Ray Hamill, Mrs. Lither Hess, Mrs. Nellie Irvin, Mrs. Esther Jeffords, Mrs. Ida Johnson, Mrs. Emma Kinsbury, Mrs. Ollie Langtrak, Mrs. Geneva McCune, Mrs. Blanche Moss, Mrs. Ruth Oberly, Mrs. Ehel Pope, Mrs. John Scott, Mrs. Ramona Shigley, Mrs. Vernon Short, Mrs. Della Stewart, Mrs. Elsie Wheaton, Mrs. Frank Wiedow, Mrs. Coral Arwood, Mrs. M. Behrens, Miss Elsie Bohne, Mrs. Orpha Conner, Miss Marie Cordahl, Mrs. Lillian DeWitt, Mrs. Alice Enderlen, Mrs. Lillian Gray, Mrs. Sophia Grellman, Mrs. Bonnie Harris, Mrs. Anna Hollinger, Mrs. Louise Isaac, Miss Anna E. Johnson, Mrs. I. L. Kelley, Mrs. Bertha Lehn, Mrs. W. Lockom, Mrs. Jesse Miller, Mrs. Zora Nordman, Mrs. J. W. Patterson, Mrs. Mary Richardson, Mrs. Allie Shipman, Mrs. Mae Smith, Mrs. Minnie Sargent, Mrs. Edgar White, Mrs. Mae Young, Home Department: Mrs. Mary K. Bortoff, Mrs. C. R. Mann, Mrs. Lena Saltzman, Mrs. E. Eggert, Mrs. Pearl Mohundra.

BEREAN

BETHANY CLASS

The Bethany Class was organized in September, 1941, at the home of Mrs. Elda Brehm, our first President, with eight present. Today our enrollment is 35.

Our Motto: 2nd Timothy 2:15—"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Class Song: "Bethany Is Calling You," original words and music written by Jewell Tracy and Marie Erwin.

Class Colors: Purple and Gold.

Our teacher, Marie Erwin, through her splendid spiritual leadership and guidance, has drawn many closer to the Lord.

Our projects, which are many, include Bibles for the Intermediate Department, supplying Secret Place when needed, and innumerable contributions to missionary work.



CLASS OFFICERS

LU'ILLE ROCKHOLT, President
MARY NETHERY, Membership Vice-President
JANE WAINWRIGHT, Secretary
ERNA MILAM, Treasurer
Other officers and members: Elda Brehm, Melinda Woolfenden, Evelyn Smail, Ruth Sikes, Daisy Lee Slack, J. S. Smith, Louise Sparks, Ella Vallier, Bertha Shook, Ingrid Treat, Katherine Oppinger, Pearl Acton, Gertrude Asher, Lillian Blevis, Mable Bligh, Roy Bonner, Nell Childs, Bully De Ambrosio, Esther D. Young, Mrs. W. Doelstedt, Jane Giardina, Roberta Maddox, Larry Meeks, Viola Schlatte, Bertha Glynn, Bonnie Good, Helen Hanah, Gene Harper, Thelma Hundley, Clara Isaacs, Elizabeth Layday, Ernest McCary, Elyn Manderville, Lillian Melbin, Jessie Morrow, Alma Richardson, Pearl Judge, Zelma Lagueux, Elizabeth Riddle, Irene Rixon, Esther Singleton, Glyn Anderson, Rose Bakke, Zetta Bliss, Mrs. Brewer, Ellen Fleishman, Lucile Fletcher, Norma Fletcher, A. Garabedron, Viola Giehl, Violette Gomez, Neta Greenlee.

BETHANY



MRS. MYRA PERKINS, *Vice-President*
 MRS. NANCY GRAY, *Teacher*
 MRS. LULU WHEELER, *President*
 Edna Anderson, Jeanne Apparus, Dorothy Aspinwall, Margaret Baird, Lillie Beeson, Florence Besser, Rhoda Bush, Eleanor Bewis, Rosetta Bracker, Ethel Bront, Mabel Burgess, Piney Chaney, Besse Coontz, Jo De Jarnatt, Gussie Edens, Lulu Eichenberg, Mrs. Roy Elan, Lyda Griffin, Mary Hall, Francis Harrison, Francis Hovestadt, Mrs. Husk, Mrs. Alta Julianel, Lora Kiefley, Lola Greaser, Verda Langston, Mrs. James Lithgow, Nette Mesner, Ethel Miles, Byrd Mitchell, Pearl Mohundoo, Mrs. Walter Moore, Agnes Mullen, Lilly O'Leary, Ila Olson, Mary Olsen, Rose Patterson, Lulu Phillips, Belle Pierce, Ida Pierce, Rusio Powell, Nelle Fargold, Beth Robertson, Eva Robertson, Jessie Rolfe, Edith Root, Blanch Rudy, Margaret Sevano, Anna Strele, Alice Stone, Pauline Tallada, Laura Tweed, Maudie Vickers, Lizzie Walker, Myrtle Ward, Edna Weer, Mrs. H. A. Wheeler, Alma Whipple, Phoebe Wilkinson.

FIDELIS

THREE G's

On November 5, 1916, a group of women, about a dozen, met in the Church Auditorium and organized a new Sunday School Class. Miss Lucy Whitwell was organizer and the first teacher. During the lesson hour, they were told of a missionary who said his people were "THREE G CHRISTIANS," that they had Grace, Grit and Gumption. This appealed to the new group and it was suggested that this name be adopted and the class be known thereafter as "The Three G Class." This class has been constantly growing in numbers and spirituality, and today it is composed of a very strong, active, consecrated and loyal group of women.

SERVICE was chosen as the Watchword and the members have truly lived to serve all through these years. They have never been known to fail whenever asked to serve; their slogan is "Starters and Finishers," and they are known to "finish what they start."

MISSIONS holds a large place in the program of the class, the mottoes being Acts 1:8 and Romans 12:1-2. Someone has said, "How can we help being missionary minded with such incentives?"

FIDELIS CLASS

In 1932, the class which was then known as the Philathea class, having long since passed the age limit for Philatheas, changed its name to Fidelis.

Under the able leadership of Mrs. D. M. Dawson, the class flourished and took its rightful place in the life of the church.

Mrs. L. J. Julianel served faithfully a number of years, and later was assisted by Mrs. Vansant. Today, Mrs. Nancy Gray is doing a fine work, with this class, as teacher, being assisted by a capable group of officers.

The class supports a Bible woman in China, where Enid Johnson, our missionary, is laboring for Christ. Phoebe Wilkinson is missionary chairman and presents a missionary challenge to the class at various times.



First row, left to right: Mrs. Ethel Howard, *First Vice President*; Mrs. Edith Whitwell, *Third Vice President*; Mrs. Sarah Langle, Mrs. Frances Fusch, Mrs. Margaret Reid, Mrs. Etta Meeks, Mrs. Hannah Blodgett, *second row*, left to right: Mrs. Agnes Downing, Mrs. Selma Patrick, Mrs. Lola Mayhall, *Birthday Chairman*; Mrs. Luperia King, Mrs. Horie Kruezerbetr, Mrs. Alta Wilkerson, Mrs. M. J. Vandersloot, Mrs. Susan Allen, Mrs. Olive Smith, Mrs. Whipple, *Fidelis Class*; Mrs. Arrian Knight, Mrs. Harriet Olmsed, *Treasurer*; Mrs. R. S. Moore, Mrs. Florence H. Miller, *Secretary*; *third row*, left to right: Mrs. Myrtle Lynch, Mrs. Stella Hall, *President*; Mrs. Isabelle Shur, Mrs. Ella Upchurch, *Second Vice President*; Mrs. Jennie Lundquist, *Teacher*; Mrs. Agnes Todd, Miss Hannah Stromgreen, and Mrs. Katherine Chilson.

THREE-G's





Usherettes: Seated, left to right: Darlene Kraft, William Peters, Hugo Lindquist, usher; Elva Daniels; standing, left to right: Ann Haggard, Phyllis Jorgensen, Colleen Wilson, Gordon Chilson, usher; Virginia Anderson, June Phillips.

USHERS

The first impression made on a visitor in our midst is an important factor in determining whether or not he will come back to us. In our church this is not overlooked by the ushers . . . they're always ready to give a warm smile and courteous service to all who come to worship with us.

We rejoice in the Lord, that we have an adequate and efficient group of ushers who serve faithfully each Sunday, some of whom are pictured above.

During the war, due to manpower shortage, usherettes were used, and they did such a good job that they have become a permanent part of the usher force, under the leadership of Virginia Anderson.

Our records show that in 1910, G. J. Oehrli was elected chief usher and served for many years. Mr. Sumner followed Mr. Oehrli. In 1930, William Payne filled this office — also Eugene Beasley served in the '30s. Others that followed were: James Murphy, George Purchase, Roy Thompson, Gordon Chilson and Bill Peters, our present chief usher.



Ushers: Left, bottom to top, Carl Hunter, Thomas Smail, Gordon Chilson, William Peters, George Purchase, Louis Brehm; right, bottom to top, Frank Fay, Hubert Slack, Gordon Bohannon, William Clanton, Amos McCarter.



Seated: Mrs. Agnes Todd, Mrs. Myrtle Ward, Mrs. Katherine Offinger, Mrs. Hellen Smith, Mrs. Catha Rhoads, Mrs. Kathy Hyink, Mrs. Bernice Glendinning. *Standing:* Mrs. Pearl Acton, Mrs. Treva Hardage, Mrs. Pauline Thomas, Mrs. Geneva McCune, Mrs. Laura Bonner, Mrs. Edgar White, Mrs. E. L. Hall, Mrs. Adrian Knight.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

In Matthew 28:19-20 we have the Great Commission as given by our Master, and it was with this spirit in mind that a Missionary Society was first organized in the "old First Church." It was in October, 1849, only three months after the young missionary, Rev. Osgood C. Wheeler, had begun his pastorate here, and was first known as a Bible Society. Temperance was advocated vigorously and the missionary obligation of the church was stressed and offerings taken for this enterprise. As a result of this growth, Rev. J. B. Morse was engaged as City Missionary in 1860.

All through the past one hundred years there have been many loyal leaders, and as a result there was established from the mother church many branch churches and various missionary organizations, known as the Monthly Union Missionary Prayer Meeting, a Young People's Society, a Home Mission Society, and others, thus forming the nucleus of the present Women's Missionary Society. The work and labors of those in the early days have been a great inspiration for the past decade for others to contribute to this great cause.

During Dr. Boynton's pastorate, 1896-1897, the women's work was highly organized—a Ladies' Aid Society, two missionary circles, and W.C.T.U., with Mrs. G. J. Oehrle, president. She and her husband now live at Mt. Herman.

At the present time there are two hundred members, forming five circles, meeting regularly to do missionary work, such as Bible study, prayer, White Cross work. The present circles and chairmen are as follows: Dan Carr Circle, Mrs. E. D. Acton, *chairman*; J. A. Garrison Circle, Mrs. Stella Hall, *chairman*; Bill Simon Circle, Mrs. Pauline Thomas, *chairman*; Jerry Gerow Circle, Mrs. Roy L. Bonner, *chairman*; Joe Meeko Circle, Mrs. Edgar

White, *chairman*; The Girls' Auxiliary Circle, Mrs. Jeanette Widener, *chairman*. Officers serving now are: Mrs. R. F. Rhoads, *President*; Mrs. Bob Hyink, *Vice President and Program Chairman*; Mrs. Hellen Smith, *Recording Secretary*; Mrs. Ed Oppliger, *Treasurer*. Committee chairmen: Mrs. Joseph Ward and Mrs. Edith Whitwell, *White Cross Committee*; Mrs. Treva Hardage, *Calling Committee*; Mrs. Arian Knight, *Prayer Committee*; Mrs. A. Todd, *Civics Committee*; Mrs. Genevieve McCune, *Birthday and Sunshine Committee*.

Our Foreign Missionaries are Enid Johnson, *China*; Dorothy Rich, *Burma*; Rev. and Mrs. Joe Meeko, Jr., *Japan*; Rev. and Mrs. Dan Carr, *China*.

Margaret Comstock is our missionary in Child Evangelism. Mrs. Beth Robertson, Miss Hannah Stromgreen and Miss Lucy Whitwell are members in the longest standing in our Society. Past Presidents of the Society are Mrs. L. J. Julianel, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Mrs. R. Monroe, Mrs. Ethel Bront and Mrs. J. N. Sessano.

The Society sponsors an annual Mother-Daughter banquet, uniting the mothers and daughters in a closer bond of spiritual love and fellowship and thus instilling into the minds of the "daughters" the work of missions for the time when they will be the "mothers" of the Society. The Tuesday morning prayer hour and Bible study under leadership of Mrs. Knight is a delight to all who attend and a great blessing to our Society and our church, for we know that "Prayer Changes Things." We contribute cheerfully and prayerfully to our shut-in members, about twenty in number. Our Society is a member of long standing in the Bay Area Association of the Northern Baptist Convention and the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.



Enid P. Johnson

Our Missionary in Swatow, China

Swatow, South China
January 21, 1949

My Dear Friends of First Baptist Church,

I am so ashamed of the way I treat you. There are two reasons you so seldom hear from me. They are not that I don't think of you. I think of you daily and try to imagine what you are doing in such a large, busy church. Also as I walk on the streets in Swatow or wait for the launch to take me across the bay I pray for the pastor, the church workers and the members. The reason I do not write often is, I am always on the go. I can't live in Swatow where I work, but I live on the compound at the central mission station across the bay from this large, teeming city. I spend hours just trying to get back and forth. No one ever dreamed one hundred years ago there would be such a big city on these mud flats and such a great opportunity for Christian work.

The other reason you do not often hear from me is high rate of air mail and inflation. We are paid in Shanghai about the 15th of each month, but banks are slow in China and our money is not deposited here in Swatow until after the 20th. I am still using money at \$52 G.Y. for one U. S. dollar and exchange is almost 250 G.Y. to one U. S., so we never get caught up. Still we don't go hungry, but there is a tremendous loss on the value of our money before we can get to use it at all. Now air mail is 80 G. Y., which makes it over \$1.00 U. S., since I still can't use any of this month's allowance, at which the exchange was \$100.

I shall now try to finish this letter that I started several days ago. As usual, I had to stop for a women's meeting and for my class work. Schools have closed for the Chinese New Year holiday, and most of the regular teachers will have about three weeks' vacation. This makes a nice little break in the work. Also the new term really commences after the Chinese New Year and not in the Autumn, as in U. S. There are about 900 in the Swatow Christian Institute, which meets in the Institute building at present. All want schools and hard-to-do other forms of Christian work.

Since I came out two years ago I have worked hard to strengthen the Spiritual life of our three Swatow churches. We have stressed Bible reading and prayer. I really can see progress—there is much yet to be done, but there has been a spiritual hunger created and we can't keep Bibles in stock fast enough to supply the demand. A change in government is coming but I don't think the Chinese Christians are going to give up their faith. They impress me that they are stronger than many of our American Christians. You should hear some of these preachers preach. They know what a Spiritual change really means and are preaching Spiritual sermons, using their Bibles.

Of course we still have many who can't read. In our women's meeting this year I have determined we would have some memory work. They must have Scripture at their command if they are to stand the test that is coming. Our Young People are certainly not trained as they were before these Christian schools were registered with the government. They call the students who want to come for an hour on Sunday morning and the poor things often have to listen to a dry lecture on some involved subject to their every-day living. Class Bible instruction is what we need. I teach one hour a week in two schools where I am perfectly free to introduce religion at any time. The students also are very anxious to discuss religion and often meet me along the road and talk to me. I have no home in Swatow city so can't invite them to my home, and I just have a desk with the book room at the Institute. We are so crowded for Mission space since the South China Convention moved its headquarters to Swatow. No house for me in which to live and no rest room like I used to have, but God has been good and I have been able to do a much better piece of work than I expected. In fact, I have never had such great opportunities for evangelism. Four women's meetings each week in the homes. Two hours in classroom instruction, where I teach some 100 students, and three women's meetings weekly and ten hours in special English Bible class for advanced young people, besides all my contacts in the hospital and among Chinese friends of long standing.

I was so sorry about the money that came through the Hongkong and Shanghai bank, but I was told the loss would be just too much. They would pay me only \$3.84 when exchange had gone up to \$12.00 or more. The best way is to send a draft, then we can sell when the exchange is good. We constantly lose through the banks, and P. O. is far worse yet. We always need money for our faithful Bible woman and the slum area at Okia. I was there Sunday and the little church was packed with over 125 folks. Those folks have little education and are poor, but God is precious to them. Pray for me as I labor in Swatow, a city of 200,000. I do know you pray for me, because my strength holds out so well. Yours in His service,

ENID P. JOHNSON



Our Missionaries *Sichang, Sikang,* *China*

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel L. Carr
Sichang, Sikang, China
December 7, 1948

Dear Friends:

We are pleased that you want definite prayer requests from the field, for after all that is the most important thing. Just now things are so unsettled in China that we're not sure just what we should do. We had planned to build at Lugu—a city to the north of us—and send a family there immediately. Now, we do not know whether we should build or not, for we're not sure how long foreigners will be able to work here. However, Ralph Covell is going up along in a week or two and will be living in a Chinese building in the center of the town where he can contact the people. We would appreciate your prayers for him and for guidance as to what our policy should be toward the north. The fellows are planning a survey trip in a few months to look the land to the north over. We're hoping that our family can go to another town farther north and east and so are praying that someplace there may be found for us to live. We do not like to have to build now with conditions as they are and so hope to find some sort of building we can rent to live in.

There are a number of children here who have accepted Christ, and this week we are beginning a special class for them to try to ground them in the Bible. We are not allowing any to come except the ones we feel sure have accepted Christ. Pray for them that they may learn what it means to be a Christian and then may be faithful in witnessing to their family and friends.

Two of our neighbors who have been going to the church meetings seem interested. Beginning this afternoon they are going to come over once a week—and my danyan, she's a real Christian, and I are going to try to instruct them. We fear they don't know what the score is even though one of them says she believes. With my very limited language it's a bit difficult to say what I would like to say. Gradually we're learning more but it's still hard to talk to the people. There is so very much that we don't know.

Dan is better than he was this summer but he's still not too well. He's still having trouble with his chest and leg so doesn't feel like doing too much at times. We'd appreciate your continued prayers for him. The rest of us are fine and dandy and thoroughly enjoying the beautiful weather we're having now. Incidentally, I'm sitting outside in the sun typing. One of the fellows who is also typing is wearing his hat and has his collar up to avoid sunburn. When the sun hides itself it's cold here. When it rains, it's winter, but in the sun it's wonderful. It puts lots of color in Jimmy's and Danny's cheeks.

Thank you again for the package. It was grand of you to send it.

Your friends in Him,
DAN AND LUCILLE CARR

Our Missionaries in Japan



Left to right: Margaret, Paul, Joseph George Meeko, Joseph IV, Miss Margaret Smith, R. N.

c/o Yamagata MGT
APO 468 Unit 2
c/o PM San Francisco, Calif.
January 19, 1949

Dear Friends:

Harada San's eyes widened with terror. The long sleeve of her daughter's kimono had brushed the hot coals of the hibachi. Even as the mother watched, flames were consuming the sleeve. As suddenly as they had begun, the flames stopped. Harada San quickly examined her child's arm. Her flesh had not been burned! This woman had heard the way of salvation and had remained unconvinced. "Now I can believe," Harada San testified that evening. "God has shown His love to me. He has spared my child injury." And the love of God was further manifested when Harada San, instead of grieving that her daughter's only precious kimono was ruined, or instead of beating the child for her carelessness, was praising God that her daughter was unhurt.

During the Christmas week the Lord used children, in a different way, to speak to the hearts of "grown-ups." We had asked for the opportunity to present the Christmas message to eighty Japanese war veterans in the Yamagata National Hospital. Our Christian women, with ingredients we supplied, baked Japanese bean cakes for them. We also took along gifts of candy, note-packets, pencils, and seven large boxes of bandages and hospital supplies, which had been prepared by the churches at home. (This is a charity hospital and desperately in need of supplies.) As we entered the meeting room, we felt a tenseness in our audience. Here were some of the derelicts of war—blind, maimed, burned. We could see the humiliation of these in their bitter faces. These men had been capable of terrible acts during the recent war. Now their nation had been totally defeated. And they, with broken bodies and health—undernourished, ill-clothed and cold, are confined to their beds, sewing on scrub-cloths to sell and earn their "keep." What could we, "the conquerors," have to tell them that they would want to hear?

Our Christians, who had accompanied us, finished singing two Christmas Carols and the faces before us were stolid and cold. Then we lifted Paul and Joseph (dressed in Japanese kimono) to the top of a large table at the front of the room. The boys bowed politely and began to sing their little children's songs about Jesus. Some they sang in English and some in Japanese. It was as though a great warmth had pervaded the room. The shiny black eyes of the men shone with pleasure. Their faces "melted" into happy smiles. When the boys bowed again and climbed off the table, the men clapped and clapped and settled back to enjoy the rest of the program. They watched attentively the flannel-graph story of Christ's birth and listened appreciatively to the sermon, "What Christmas Means to You." When we had finished, one of the veterans rose to his feet and thanked us and asked us to come again. *Pray for these men.* The love of Christ can work a miracle in the lives of these who have forgotten what love is.

In His service in Japan,

JOE AND MARGARET MEEKO

The world-wide missionary interest of the First Baptist Church is evidenced in its whole-hearted support of foreign missions through the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Ever since the society was formed on December 15, 1945, it has been one of the agencies used by our church in channeling our foreign missionary giving. This church today ranks as the leading contributor to this foreign mission society, whose growth has been phenomenal, if not miraculous.

Further evidence of this fact is seen in the support of four of our own members serving under appointment by the CBFMS: Rev. and Mrs. Dan Carr and son, Jimmy, now serving Jesus Christ in China, and Rev. and Mrs. Joe Meeko and two sons, Paul and Joe Jr., ministering in the Name of Jesus Christ in Japan. Our people have been richly blessed through the ministry of the leaders, staff members, and missionaries of the CBFMS. A new missionary challenge has come to us as these loyal and devoted servants of Christ have come before our people with their stirring appeals on behalf of a needy and dying world.

When, two and one-half years ago, because of the growth of the CBFMS, it was necessary to establish a Western Area office to serve the constituency of the 11 western states, our church was glad to make available two rooms in our annex. Dr. F. Carl Truex of Stockton, through whose ministry Dr. Julianel felt the call to Christian service, was the first Western Representative of the society. Upon his resignation from this office two years ago, Rev. Alfred Danielson, then pastor of the North Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, and long identified with the Conservative Baptist movement, was called to this important post. A most cordial relationship exists between the First Baptist Church and the western office of the CBFMS. Two years ago our church was further honored by the society in the election of Mrs. Julianel to serve as a member of the board.



REV. ALFRED DANIELSON

Seminary Hill, Insein, Burma

December 31, 1948

Dear Friends at the First Baptist Church:

On this very last day of 1948, I should like to send Greetings to you all for the New Year. May God's richest blessings be yours through the New Year, and may He use each one of you for His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom. That is my New Year prayer for the Church.

Burma is getting ready to celebrate her first anniversary of independence on January 4th. Politically and economically it has not been a year for rejoicing. The various groups of politicians that instead of discussing their differences and abiding by the opinion of the majority have resorted to armed conflict with one another. So the government has been fighting groups directed by members of parliament. At present the "White P. V. O." group has returned to the government fold. All have been forgiven and those in jail have been released. But there are still other factions acting as insurgents and fighting government troops. Then there are various Communist groups fighting the government, too. One wonders how it will all come out.

In spite of unsettled conditions all our students (except one) and those of Burman and Karen Seminaries combined in groups and went out on Gospel Team trips during Christmas vacation. They will return the 5th of January. We are praying for journeying mercies for them, and that God will use them to bear much fruit.

I wanted to go along with one group, as I did last year, but our Mission doctors forbade it. Instead they sent me to bed to rest. The medicine I took for the treatment of dysentery has affected my heart, and my pulse is much too fast. I have been in bed a week and a half now and don't notice any improvement. I hope you friends at the church will pray for me. I know God is able to heal, if He wills. School graduation comes the 25th of January, and the Jubilee Celebration of the founding of the Burman Woman's Bible School. The school really was finished fifty years during the war, but was closed then. God willing, I should like to be able to have a part in these activities.

We have had a fine school year thus far, and expect to have nine graduates—the first class to be trained since the war. Do pray for these students, as they go out to work at the close of school.

With Best Wishes for the New Year,

Your co-worker in Burma,

DOROTHY RICH



DEACONS

Back row, left to right: Fred Ingle, Dr. James Dollin, Carl Hunter, Maxwell Stoughton, Woody Phipps, Edgar White, Cletus Osborne, E. Comstock; middle row, left to right: B. R. Newlon, Edgar Stump, George Purchase, Alfred A. Hall, W. J. Penn, Nils Lindquist, Joseph Ward, Clarence Widener; front row, left to right: Thos. Smal, Harry Twining, Dr. L. J. Julzanel, Fred Olmsted, W. W. Rainsner and Hubert Slack.

Board of Deacons



DEACONESSSES

Seated, left to right: Mrs. Adrian Knight, Miss Leota Foster, Miss Cara Garrett, Mrs. Ethel Parker, Mrs. Lula Wheeler, Mrs. Edgar White. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Thos. Smal, Mrs. E. Comstock, Mrs. A. A. Hall, Mrs. Edgar Stump, Mrs. Frank Atwood, Mrs. Fred Olmsted, Mrs. R. Monroe and Mrs. A. S. Johnson.

"Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among ye seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." . . . Acts 6:3. This verse gives us the scriptural justification for the office of deacon. In I-Timothy we find other similar qualifications.

The Board of Deacons consists of 21 deacons and 21 deaconesses, whose duties are to assist and co-operate with the pastor in the ministry of the church. Visitation, care for the sick and needy, and the serving of the Lord's Supper are among the important functions of the board. They also serve as advisors to the pastor in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the church. Mr. Fred Olmsted has been chairman of the board for the last two years and has done an outstanding work.

Our Deacons serve the church in many ways. The work of visitation, that the pastor would do if the congregation were not so large, is carried on by the board. This lightens the heavy load that the pastor of a church this size must carry. The serving of the Lord's Table is done by the Deacons on Communion Sunday. The preparation of the unleavened bread and wine is by the Deaconesses of the Board.

The most important function of the Board, however, is the role it plays in the administration of the church. Although the pastor generally outlines the policy and guides the strategy of the Church, the board of Deacons is still the legislative body which recommends to the Church the policies outlined by the pastor. Our Board has closely cooperated with the pastor and deserves much credit for the splendid job they are doing.

This church is fortunate in having Fred A. Olmsted as Chairman of the Board, a man who is truly an example to the believers, in love, in conversation, and manner of living. His leadership reflects much credit on his profession and the Lord whom we serve.



Seated, Cara M. Garrett, Dorothy Perine, standing, Bill Perine, Ruth Shook, Dorothy Dehr, Harry Twining.

GENERAL OFFICERS

Cara M. Garrett, *Director*

Dorothy Perine, *Supervisor*

Bill Perine, *Treasurer*

Ruth Shook, *Secretary*

Dorothy Dehr, *Secretary*

Harry Twining, *Assistant*

HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Through years of hardship, prosperity, and two world wars, the organization now known as the B. T. U. (Baptist Training Union) and its former counterparts, the C. E. (Christian Endeavor) and B.Y.P.U. (Baptist Young People's Union), has grown into a large group of church people both young and old interested in training for Christian service. From an average of 50 to 350 over the years shows an intervening period of work, prayer and enthusiasm for growth.

The first fellowship, called The Young People's Society, was formed in 1880, and was especially active in caring for poor children, clothing them and introducing them into the Sunday School. In 1896 the Society was changed to the name of the Christian Endeavor during the pastorate of Dr. M. P. Boynton. At this time there were three separate Christian Endeavor Societies, all for young people. During the pastorate of Dr. James S. West in 1922, the Baptist Young Peo-

ple's Union was organized along with the already going Christian Endeavor, which two organizations had an average attendance of 100.

During the years to this time, the fellowship served young people of high school age, college age and the young married group. The groups were active and represented themselves well in other organizations of the church. It was on their ideas and ideals that the present B. T. U. was founded. Believing that training for Christian work should be for both young and old, Dr. L. J. Julianel and other interested members of the church instituted the Baptist Training Union, which includes age groups correspondent with the Sunday School classification from the Cradle Roll through each phase of age to the oldest members of the church.

In 1936, the first four definite groups under the new system of Training Unions were organized out of the C.E. and B.Y.P.U. These were the

Hi-B.Y., a union for high school students; T.N.T., a union for college age and young unmarried people; Senior Union for young married couples, and the Dawson, a union for the older church members. In September of 1938, the Wheeler group was formed, thus making two older adult unions—the Dawson and the Wheeler. Early in 1941 the union known as the Senior Union for young married couples was changed to Victory, and the group chose as their meeting place the Educational Building just finished.

In July of 1946 a new group for young married couples through the age of 25 was formed and given the name of The Atoms. 1947 was a prosperous year for the Training Union as three new unions were organized: Joy, a group for Jr. High School students; Story Hour for children of 2 to 4 years of age, and CB's for children from 4 to 11. This latter group also includes another Story Hour for children of 4 and 5 years of age.

The following year took example of the previous year and two more new unions were formed in 1948: Can Do, a group of young unmarried people from 25 through 35, and the IHS, another addition to the Adult Union.

The activity of the Training Union is wide in its scope, from outside visitation in the City of San Francisco to the Social Hour with the pre-prayer meeting every Sunday evening as a fitting beginning for the B. T. U. meetings. It is not uncommon for the B. T. U. or one of its unions to have charge of the Mission at Fourth and Howard, or perhaps Prayer Meeting on Wednesday night, or even the Sunday evening church service.

The individual union has its own set of officers and rules or regulations and/or Constitution. They have their own monthly business meetings and social good times. The installation of new officers every six months may mean an impressive candlelight service during the B. T. U. meeting or a formal banquet at one of the city's hotels or restaurants.

Credit should be given to the unions for their splendid work during the war years, for San Francisco was undoubtedly one of the busiest ports for

both Navy and Army activity in the Second World War. During the peak of the war when the First Baptist Church acted as a home for boys in the Service, the attendance in the unions sometimes rose to an all-over of 600. A Service Center staffed by the unions was open during the week with games and refreshments provided by them. A breakfast on Sunday mornings and a snack in the evening for the service men was financed and taken care of by the unions themselves as their war-time projects. It was also during the war years that, partially through the friendliness and fellowship of the unions, both service people and those whose temporary homes were in the city, were brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord and that many dedicated themselves to full-time service for Christ.

Projects of the Unions were not just limited to care of the service men during the war. For example, there are projects such as: Helping at the Mission for the men who are down and out in sin; the Navajo Indian crisis; Laguna Honda Home for the Aged; helping needy families and caroling at hospitals and shut-in homes at Christmas time. Many more worthy projects have been carried on by the unions too numerous to mention, but which were, nevertheless, important and essential. It is this continual wish to be doing something worthwhile that has attracted so many to the B. T. U.

Monthly business meetings bringing together General B. T. U. Officers, Supervisors and Officers of the individual unions result in cooperation, coordination and fellowship among the many involved in making this huge organization a success. Together, they form a close-knit group that is able to withstand the trials and tribulations which always befall those who are about the Lord's work.

The path of the Training Union is leading onward and upward with a goal this Centennial Year of 1,000. The importance and prominence of the B.T.U. cannot be overlooked, for here the practical training is received for the Lord's work; it is only through training that the Church of Christ will continue to survive against the forces of evil!



Mrs. Hellen Smith, *Sponsor*; Mr. Malon DeLoach, Mrs. Merle DeLoach, *Leaders*; Miss Edna Rodriguez, *Secretary*; Mrs. MacIntosh, *Pianist*; Mrs. Hall, Mrs. G. Davis, *Teachers*.

Officers: Margaret Hall, *President*; Brenda MacIntosh, *Vice President*; Barbara Davis, *Treasurer*; Charles Davis, *Song Leader*. *Members:* Paul Ameral, Vivian Baldwin, George Bruce, Judy Burkender, Nancy Capper, Jimmie Crosswhite, Benny Crumpler, Joe Davis, Sandy Dehr, Jerry DeLoach, DeVaughan Finley, Roy Gillette, Carol Ann Gorgan, Darlene Hanson, Delbert Hanson, Grace Yvonne Harper, Marilyn Lyon, Richard Martin, Stephen Magura, Lyndia Matrices, Jacqueline Milam, Robert Milam, James MacIntosh, Virginia MacIntosh, William MacIntosh, Mary McMillan, Roger MacMillan, Happy Millar, Shirley Nelson, David Roche, Edward Rose, Elaine Rose, Wynna Shepard, Gail Shigley, Sharilyn Sparks, Susan Tracy, Carol Ann Widener, Franklin Wiseman, Carol Wiseman, Mary Lou Fadenrecht.

C. B.'s

JOY GROUP

Although JOY describes the Christian heritage, the word has a deeper significance in connection with the intermediates in our group. It contains a formula for successful Christian living — J for Jesus, O for others, Y for you. And in that order!

This live wire B. T. U. is only a year and a half old, but is growing in numbers and spirituality. The Standard of Excellence has been reached. Activities include a yearly installation banquet, visiting of absentees each week, giving parts on the program without using the quarterly, monthly parties, prayer meetings with everyone on his knees daily, Bible readings, 100 per cent tithers, missionary work at Laguna Honda Home, regular business meetings; in short, training for Christian service.

C. B. GROUP

In the month of September, 1947, our educational director, Miss Cara Garrett, was burdened for a group of youngsters who were in a group of older children.

The C. B. Group was organized on September 21, 1947, with Mrs. Hellen Smith as their sponsor.

Our group grew until December, 1947, we had an enrollment of 16 members. The Lord sent Mrs. Edna Bruce to help us with our organization and missionary program. It was the missionary spirit of Mrs. Bruce that inspired us on to do more for our Lord. In April, 1948, the enrollment was 23 members, and the Lord sent us two more workers, Mr. and Mrs. Malon DeLoach. In January, 1949, our enrollment was 44, both active and inactive members. Two more teachers have been added to our staff, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Glenn Davis. Mrs. MacIntosh is our pianist and faithful helper.



MR. AND MRS. ART BRUCE, *Counselors*

Front row: Jim Hall, Ronald Stettler, Richard Stettler, Pat Thompson, Bill Slack, Wayne Woody, *second row:* Phyllis Davis, Kathleen Kelley, Bonnie Johnson, Sally Day, La Von Baldwin, George Nethercutt, *third row:* Bill Perrine, *Gen. TU Treasurer:* Mrs. Perrine, *Y. P. Supervisor:* Don Bohannon, Howard Koenig, Ruth Webster, Mr. Art Bruce, Karen Nethercutt, Peggy Moore, Mrs. Art Bruce. *Absent members:* Howard Meyer, Gerald Dean Brown.

J. O. Y.

HI - B. Y. GROUP

Hi-B. Y. is now as it has been since its founding in the early 1930's, the high school group of the Church. It was originally a C. E. organization and was changed to a B. T. U. group in 1936. Although the group has had its ups and downs, it has been going steadily through the years. Many of today's young married people in our church were Hi-B. Y. members of yesterday. The group has had various sponsors—Poly and Gene Dixon and Roy Thompson in the early forties; later Bill and Jeanne Hulst did a wonderful job of leading the group. To the Lord first, and then to them and Marion Stump, and our present sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Franks, goes the credit for making the group what it is today—a rising and live group with an average attendance of about 25. With the Lord's help, we plan to make the First Baptist Church really proud of Hi-B. Y.



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MR. AND MRS. FORD FRANKS, *Sponsors*
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Hi - B. Y.



Members: Ouida Arnold, Jerry Arth, Clyde Brehm, Joyce Bolton, Virgil Burgess, Mary Jean Childs, Carol Cooley, John Corcoran, Mildred Cox, Marvel Cunningham, Elva Daniels, Brinsley Dickson, Joe Dunn, Leila Elliot, Ernie Fisk, Dorothy Funk, Geraldine Fry, Edna Goutley, Dick Hall, Ann Haggard, Lloyd Hamill, Peggy Hamill, Bob Harkey, Jean Keith, June Kerr, Vivien Meyers, Mary Moore, Bill Myers, Nels Nelson, Betty Ogren, Sheldon Parker, Don Ransner, Ramona Ramey, Jack Root, Joyce Ryberg, Edna Rodriguez, Bob Simmons, Chuck Sowers, Clare Stewart, Helen Stewart, Frances Sutton, Anna Mae Sweeney, Mildred Thompson, Roy Thompson, Joyce Turner, Billie Vannatta, Dave Wade, Pat Watkins, Colleen Wilson, Bill Byrd, Ed Harwell.

T. N. T.

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In the year 1937 we saw the successor to Dr. David M. Dawson make his initial debut in the pulpit of Old First Church in the person of Dr. Lewis J. Julianel. And the surge of power which accompanied him found an appropriate reservoir in T. N. T., the college age B. T. U. This spiritual dynamo in the beginning was operated under the sponsorship of the pastor's good wife. As a result of this B. T. U. group, whose name signifies *Training, Not Teaching*, a tremendous amount of energy has been channeled into needy fields of service. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson are now the sponsors of T. N. T., and several prosperous years have made their entries and their exits under their very capable and willing leadership. Nels Nelson, our new president, is now at the controls and is very ably directing our power strokes where they will accomplish the most; and with his competent cabinet to assist and with the LORD directing it all, we are determined to make this centennial year the most successful one in our history.



Front row, left to right: Harry Twining, Vice President; Celia Wright, Myra Marsh, Anna Marie McDonald, Elaine Jennings, Amy Twining, Jane Pedersen, Kay Parker, Mildred Perrine, Bette Hull, Dorothy Pederson, Allen Hull, President; second row, left to right: Laura Cuddie, Pat Waterman, Cathy Bernard, Sara Christensen, Connie Tracy, Miriam Peterson, Faith Roones, Lois Thorpe, Margaret Tracy, Sybil Russell, Stan Pedersen; third row, left to right: Frank Gately, Earl Waterman, Frank Bernard, Harold Tracy, Ed Tracy, Bob Pedersen, Glen Frie, Al Roones, Paul Thorpe, Calvin Russell; fourth row, left to right: Baney McDonald, John Bae, Art Peterson, Bob Cuddie, J. L. Christensen, Lowell Apler, Bob Jennings, Bob Parker, Clyde Perrine, Sigward Roones. Not pictured: Virginia Apler, Bill and Brucene Blackwell, Bill and Helen Carr, Howard and Ruth Cushman, C. R. and Virginia Kelly, Grace Stanford, and Tomida and Mayo Wilson.

ATOMS

VICTORY GROUP

In 1938 a group of young married people, some in T. N. T. and some in the Dawson group, realized the need for a B. T. U. group all its own. From that realization sprang the old Senior B. T. U., and by the time the group moved to its present third floor location in the educational building in 1941, a dozen or more members were in regular attendance. In October of 1941, the name was changed to Victory B. T. U., and Percy Pond presided as the first President.

Today this live and friendly group averages 55 in attendance, produces many Bible School teachers and B. T. U. sponsors, and edits a monthly paper which is read by scores of former members throughout the nation. Its interesting and well attended monthly business meetings and socials are famous, and its presentations at the Sunday 6:30 hour typify the training goal of B. T. U. The Victory group is, and will continue to be, a loyal and integral part of our Church.



RUTH WILLIAMS, President
DARLENE WOODS, Corresponding Secretary
MILDRED YOUNG, Recording Secretary
ROY FAVERTY, Treasurer
Other officers and members: John and Hazel Amarel, Lester and Ardis Arvidson, Art and Ethel Bruce, Metta Butenhof, Eric and Doris Capner, Orze and Grace Coulbary, Ruby Cunningham, Glen and Alice Davis, Albert and Dorothy Dehr, Malon and Merle DeLoach, Margaret Faverly, Shirley Fuller, Art and Irene Gibson, Catharine Gross, Ronald Hemman, Donald and Florence Henderson, Huah and Irene Hendricks, Florence Hosken, Bob and Laurie Maera, Harold March, Chester and Ruth Matthews, Stanley and Velma Matthews, Crystal Moxley, Cleus and Ann Osborne, Gerald and Luverna Osborne, William and Thelma Peters, Bill and Dorothy Perrine, Robert and Lois Rudolph, Ed and Dorothy Schermerhorn, Ralph and Eleanor Snyder, Douglas and Helen Smith, Paul and Jeannette Stiles, Edgar and Marian Stump, Eleanor Terlaak, Wesley and Viola Tharaben, Roy and Mildred Thompson, Frank and Jean Wenzel, Clarence and Jeannette Widener, Lovel Williams, Bruce Woods, Olean and Therese York, James Young.

VICTORY

ATOMS GROUP

The Atoms were formed in July of 1946 for all young married people under 25 years of age. Eleven couples formed the first Atoms group and since that first meeting two and one-half years ago they have had 102 members. The Atoms have been a group of spiritual influence and blessing in our church, as the word "Atoms" was formed from the initials of their slogan: "All Toward Our Master's Service." The Atoms' verse is Romans 12:1-2. Besides the regular Sunday evening meeting of their B. T. U., they carry on an active program during the week. Every other Saturday night the Atoms gather for a Bible study in a member's home. Then there is a night at the mission, numerous baby showers, socials, and a basketball and softball team to keep the young fellows fit. One of the highlights of each term of office is the formal installation banquet held every six months.

CAN DO GROUP

In September, 1947, a training union was organized for single people over twenty-five years of age. The name, CAN DO, based on Philippians 4:13, was chosen, and from a few prospects at the beginning, the union has grown to an enrollment of almost one hundred. Zack Fraser, Carl Gray, Ingmar Ross and Eustace McDowell have served as presidents, but the success of the union has been due to the fact that every member was given something definite to do in carrying out the objectives of the union. Mrs. Maud Crow served as first counselor for the union, and at present Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Erwin are counselors of this union which has proved that all things can be done through Christ which giveth strength.

A cordial invitation is extended to all single persons over 25 years of age to join this happy group.



MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL ERWIN, Counselors
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I. H. S.

I. H. S. UNION

In January of 1948, at the suggestion of Mr. Howard Day, then serving as BTU Director, a new Adult Union was organized with approximately twenty people in attendance at the first meeting on January 11th.

The following leaders and officers were elected and served during the fall of 1948: Mr. R. F. Rhoads, president; Mr. W. A. Phipps, vice president; Lucille Rockholt, corresponding secretary; Mr. A. G. Walker, treasurer; Mrs. McCary, Bible quiz leader; Mrs. Asher, missionary chairman; Esther Singleton, social chairman; Mrs. Jewell Tracy, chorister; Mrs. Harris, pianist, and Virgil Erwin, secretary. Group captains include Mrs. Harris, George Singleton, Jeanne Harper, and Mary Phipps.

The name I. H. S., In His Service, was chosen, and this group has been carrying on with an average attendance of twenty-five for the past year.



Members: Mr. and Mrs. A. Aasen, Christina Abbot, Mrs. Pearl Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Arvidson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Atwood, Mrs. Emma Batten, Lillie Besson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bohannon, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Brehm, Lillian Carr, Mr. William Clanton, Mrs. Bertha Lee Craven, Mrs. Winifred N. Davis, Mr. L. H. De Forde, Lillian E. De Wier, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Dullin, Smith Gray, Esther E. Gustavson, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hall, Luther Hess, Ernest Hoelt, Mrs. Anna Hollinger, Mrs. F. Hovorka, Clarence Hoyis, Ida L. Johnson, Luperla King, Ollie Longrak, Mrs. L. Mayhall, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Milley, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moody, Mrs. Ruth Oberly, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Olmsted, Ida E. Olson, T. W. Penn, Mrs. Ethel Pope, Russie Powell, Mr. and Mrs. George Purchase, Mr. and Mrs. William Rainer, Mrs. Beth Robertson, Eva L. Robertson, Ralph Sayles, Berky Scott, Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sessano, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Slack, Ramona Shigley, Alice Shipman, Mrs. Mae Smith, Olive Smith, James Sutherland, Pauline Tallada, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tweed, Maude Vickers, Ora Vought, L. Grace Wadsworth, Alma Wallen, Joseph Ward, Mrs. Lillian Ward, Mrs. Myrtle Ward, Edna Weer, Mrs. Lulu Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. White.

DAWSON

JUNIOR CHURCH

If one would take a journey to the annex of the First Baptist Church during the morning worship, he or she would find on the second floor some 15 to 20 babies, under the care of Mrs. Mamie Wilson. On the first floor, the Nursery children, ages one and two, are well provided for by Mrs. Lydia Phelps. Journeying back to the first floor of the Educational building, one would find the three and four year olds, under the supervision of Mrs. W. W. Rainer.

And now come with me to the building back of the Educational unit and find the Primary and some of the younger Juniors, who are having a worship service all their own. Mr. and Mrs. Art Peterson, Mrs. Henthorne, Mrs. Atwood and others carry on this most important work. This is indeed a most self-sacrificing work, performed by willing, capable and consecrated workers. This work was started some five years ago. We invite you to look in on these groups any time, and bring your children, that they might be instructed in His way.



JUNIOR CHURCH

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR PETERSON, *Superintendents*
 Assistants: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hawkins, Mrs. Naomi Henthorne, Mrs. Atwood

THE DAWSON GROUP

The Dawson Group was organized in November, 1936, one of the first two groups of B. T. U. in First Baptist Church.

Among the early members were Harry and Anna Larson, Max and Ruth Stoughton, Louis and Billy D'Ambrosio, Henry and Corrine Thomas, the Woodalls, Arnolds, Wideners, Pierce sisters and Janie Gibson.

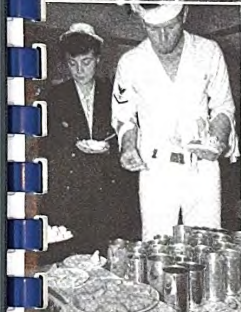
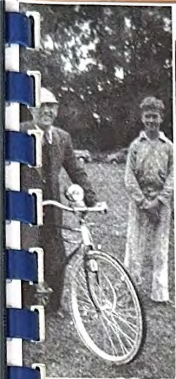
The Dawson Group has been actively engaged in work at the Welcome Mission throughout all these years, except in the later years of the war.

One of our most interesting and effective projects was starting the work with the Service Men, under the able chairmanship of Miss Janie Gibson and Bill Rainer. This work later grew into the Service Men's Center.

One of our most recent projects was the pledging and sending of \$167.00 to send testaments to the Greek Army. This amount was pledged within 5 minutes in our group.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Robertson were honorary members of Dawson Group when it was organized, and Beth is still one of our number, the only member now belonging to Dawson Group who has been in it throughout these thirteen years.

JUNIOR CHURCH





San Francisco Just Before Earthquake and Fire, 1906

FACTS...of interest about our Church

1. Our Church was the first Baptist Church, not only in San Francisco, but in California, which makes our Church the Mother Church of all Baptist Churches in our State.
2. Our first church building was erected in 1849, and was the first non-Catholic public worship building in California.
3. Our first church building was used for the first free public school building in California.
4. On Sunday morning, October 21, 1849, the first baptismal service was conducted in the Bay at the foot of Powell Street, what is now known as North Beach, with members of the other churches of the city, the Mayor and other city officials, several state officers and federal officers witnessing the baptism.
5. Dwight L. Moody and Ira Sankey held an evangelistic campaign in our church in October, 1880.
6. Up to completion of the present Church building, our Sunday School met at 12:30, following the Sunday morning service.
7. During the years, the Church has received a number of Memorials and other gifts from members and friends, such as Art Glass windows, electric cross, chimes and other beautiful and necessary equipment, which has been greatly appreciated.
8. Our present Church building is situated in the heart of downtown San Francisco, and accessible from every section of the City. There are eight carlines within a block of the Church.
9. Our first Church Bulletin, known as the ITEMS, was published on April 26, 1903.
10. Taken from the INDEX dated July 2, 1911, we read: "Last Sunday was an eventful day in our Church life in the coming of Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, nationally known evangelist and preacher. 1341 people crowded the auditorium."
11. Our beautiful Austin organ was dedicated Sunday, March 12, 1912. Mr. H. K. H. Mitchell, who was then organist, had voluntarily served the Church in that capacity for 44 years entirely without any remuneration whatsoever.
12. The Pastor of the First Baptist Church at that time, Dr. James S. West, conducted the funeral service of President Warren Harding, who died in San Francisco, August 2, 1923.
13. Mrs. Vina Smith, who passed away January 16, 1949, was converted and baptized in the First Baptist Church, and was directly and indirectly associated with this church for 71 years of the 100 years of its history.
14. More than 75 fine consecrated young people have gone out from our Church, in the last 12 years, to receive their Christian Education and training for full-time service for the Lord.
15. During the War our Church established and conducted a Service Men's Center for all young men and women of the Service, and over 250,000 were entertained in the various departments of our Service Center and Church.
16. Three hundred thirty-eight young men and women from our Church answered the call in the Armed Forces of our Country in World War II, eleven of which answered the Final Call, and are memorialized by Gold Stars in our Service Flag.
17. Twenty beautiful Art Glass Memorial windows have been installed within the last seven years.
18. Our Church property now consists of five buildings, four of which have been added in the last twelve years.
19. Our Educational Units are built for a thoroughly departmentalized Sunday School, accommodating one thousand students.



San Francisco Today

FACTS...of interest about our Church

20. Our Sunday School facilities consist of nine adequate assembly rooms, and 118 individual classrooms.
21. Our Sunday School has a corps of 118 Officers and Teachers. There are 88 classes in our Sunday School and the record attendance, so far, has been 1082, with an average attendance of 705 in the last twelve months.
22. Our Baptist Training Union consists of eleven groups, ranging from the ages of Story Hour to the Adult. The average attendance for the last twelve months is 390.
23. Our present Church Auditorium has a seating capacity of 1200.
24. We also have a gymnasium, 60x66; also two banquet rooms, sufficient to accommodate 400 and 500, respectively.
25. Our Church is sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop and a Cub Scout Troop.
26. Our Church is the First Baptist Church in the City where the United Nations was born.
27. In the last fifteen years our Church attendance has increased from 75 to 1000 in the morning worship and from 50 to 500 in the evening service.
28. Our Church has expended \$150,000 on new buildings, equipment and improvements in the last 7½ years and is now entirely free of debt.
29. Each week members of the Church conduct services at both the Howard Street and Fourth Street downtown missions. Our Church supports both these missions with personnel and missionary contributions.
30. Our Church is cooperating in the program of Child Evangelism, supplying teachers and homes and supporting financially to carry on this very important work.
31. Worship services are also conducted at the Old People's Home, known as the Laguna Honda Home, by workers from our church.
32. Our Church conducts jail services at the City Jail, as well as the County Jail, every Sunday afternoon.
33. Our Church conducts a "Fellowship of Home Visitation Evangelism" two nights a week.
34. The largest total annual giving in the history of our Church was \$128,000 for all causes, current expenses and missions, in 1944.
35. During the last 12½ years, 5387 new members were received, 1858 of which came by baptism. In the last four years our church had an annual average of 204 baptisms per year, the highest average of any church in the entire Northern Baptist Convention.
36. In 1949 our Church became one of the first five of the largest churches in the Northern Baptist Convention in membership, attendance, Sunday School, Training Union, receipt donations, and in missionary giving.
37. The total assets of our Church have increased from \$27,500 in 1936 to \$450,000 in 1949.
38. The missionary giving of the Church has increased from \$500 in 1932-33 to \$51,500 in 1947-48.
39. Plans are now being made to purchase two additional properties adjacent to the Church facing Waller Street, and the construction of two more buildings at a cost estimated at \$250,000.
40. In September, 1948, our Church officially established the San Francisco Baptist Bible College in its Service Center building, 121 Haight Street. This building consists of four floors. In this building we have a men's dormitory, eight classrooms, a chapel seating 100 students, a library, two office rooms, social hall, dining room, kitchen and gymnasium.
41. Our present membership, today, is 2780.



*Left to right: Mr. Roy Thompson, R. B. Newlon, B. A. Scott, Chairman; Lovel Williams.
Not pictured: Fred Ingle, Thomas Smail, Church Treasurer.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

B. A. Scott, Chairman

The Board of Trustees is composed of five experienced men who competently administer the business and financial affairs of the church.

Mr. B. A. Scott, chairman of the board, is City Commercial Manager for Western Union, and has been giving of his business talents and time to the church ever since coming to California from Ozark, Ala., in 1933. Mr. Roy Thompson, vice-chairman and secretary, is a native of Coleraine, Ireland; came to the United States from England in 1923, and to San Francisco in 1942. He is a Shell Oil Company man of 25 years' sales and office experience.

Mr. Fred Ingel, originally from Brooklyn, N. Y., joined the church in 1944, and, as an electrical contractor, brings a wealth of practical experience. Mr. B. R. Newlon, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., came to San Francisco in 1940 and is a railroad man. Mr. Lovel Williams, who is in the roofing business, was born in Oklahoma but has lived in California since 1923 and has been a member of our church since 1942. He brings artistic as well as business talent to the Board.

These five men meet regularly twice a month to carry on the Lord's business in a manner which is a credit both to First Church and to Him.

OUR PASTOR

Dr. Lewis J. Julianel, pastor of the First Church, San Francisco, California, recently elected president of the newly-established San Francisco Baptist College, was born in Santa Clara, California, January 1, 1894. After the death of his father, when Dr. Julianel was 2 years of age, the family moved to San Francisco. In his early years, he served as a newsboy in downtown Market Street, three short blocks away from where the "old First Church" was located on Eddy Street. After the earthquake and fire in 1906, the family moved to Oakland. The parents were devout Catholics, and he received his early religious training in a home and church of this faith.

In 1915, he was married to Alta Irene Megerle, of Baptist parentage. They made their home in Visalia, in the San Joaquin Valley, where he, in 1918, was converted in a revival meeting under the preaching of Dr. John Snape. Immediately, he became an active worker in the First church, Visalia, where he was baptized. He soon became a lay preacher. After serving three months as interim pastor in the First church, Exeter, Mr. Julianel felt keenly the call of God for full-time service.

In August of the same year, he gave up his career in the business world and, with his wife and three children, Wilma Virginia, Volney Earl, and Helen Alice, went to Fort Worth, Texas, where he entered Texas Christian University. He completed his academic work at Shurtleff College, Illinois, in 1928, receiving the degree of bachelor of philosophy. He completed his theological training at the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. In 1936, Shurtleff College, his alma mater, conferred upon him the degree of doctor of divinity, in view of his outstanding Baptist ministry in California.



LEWIS J. JULIANEL, D. D.

Dr. Julianel is now in his third pastorate since the completion of his college and seminary training. He was pastor of the First church, Coalinga, California, 1928-1930. From there, he went to the Scott Memorial church, San Diego. During his six years as pastor, the membership grew from 150 to 800, and in spite of the depression, he succeeded in leading this church in two successful building enterprises.

The record and progress of this church attracted State-wide attention. As a result, the First Church of San Francisco extended him a call. The church had passed through a most discouraging period, and the situation was unusually unfavorable. On November 8, 1936, Dr. Julianel began his work as pastor of this historic church—the first Baptist work established in California. It was organized July 6, 1849, by Dr. Osgood Wheeler. It is interesting to note that the Northern Convention will hold its annual meeting in San Francisco in celebration of the centennial of the Baptist work in the State.

The record of the growth of this church in the 12 years of Dr. Julianel's leadership is an inspiring one. With definite emphasis on missions and evangelism, "Old First Church" has become one of the great churches in the denomination. During this period, 5,387 members were received, 1,858 by baptism; the annual average of baptisms for the last four years is 204.

The missionary spirit and growth of the church is expressed by the increase in its annual missionary giving from \$1,100 in 1936-1937 to \$51,500 in 1947-1948. Its assets in 1936 were \$27,500; today they are \$450,000. During this time, the church has added four buildings to the original church edifice. The five buildings contain 10 large assembly rooms and 121 classrooms, plus a large gymnasium and a youth recreational center. The progress and influence of this church has given Protestantism in San Francisco a decided spiritual uplift. The strong evangelistic program of this church resulted in the establishment of the San Francisco Baptist College in 1947. This College is in its second year, with an enrollment of 132 students and is adequately housed in one of the five buildings of the church.

The Church Christ Founded, or What the Baptist Church Stands For

By LEWIS J. JULIANEL, D.D.



Text: *And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* Matt. 16:18.

The Church is today naturally concerned about the ominous menace of Communism whose purpose is to destroy Christianity. The Nazis of Germany had declared war on Catholicism, Judaism and Lutheranism. The Communists have liquidated the pastors of the great evangelical Lutheran and orthodox Church in Russia and are carrying on a continuous program of atheistic propaganda to destroy Christianity everywhere. We are engaged in a moral war for the preservation of democracy, the very life of our faith, fighting against the demons of darkness such as communistic atheism.

In this message I want to retrace our steps and consider anew the Church Christ founded. We need to ask ourselves a few pertinent questions: What is its purpose? Has the Church outlived its day? Will the Church survive the present moral chaos? If it fails, what is going to take its place? Is there a new force that will bring order out of chaos?

Christ's purpose was to redeem a lost world and He established His Church to accomplish this purpose. He said that it would survive in spite of all the hordes of hell battling against it. In this text we have three great promises concerning His Church which I wish to lay before you in this message.

I

Jesus Said the Church Would Have A Great Foundation

v. 18—*Upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* God used the great rock of Mt. Moriah upon which to build His temple. This temple had a material foundation. Here Jesus speaks of another "Rock" upon which He would build His Church. But the Church He would build would have a spiritual foundation. There are three interpretations of the "rock" He mentions in the text: (1) Some hold that Jesus meant Peter as the "rock." This is the Roman Catholic viewpoint. They hold that Peter was the first Pope of Rome; that when Jesus made this pronouncement He made Peter the Pope. Thus it proves Jesus refers to him as the rock foundation. (2) Others believe that He meant Peter's faith which he expressed when he exclaimed that Jesus was the "Christ, the Son of the living God." (3) Still others hold that Jesus was commending Peter for his profession of faith, but pointed to Himself as the "Rock."

We as Baptists do not believe the Church was built upon Peter or Peter's confession, but upon Christ. The scriptures in the original read of Jesus as saying "Thou art

'Petros' (meaning a small stone) but upon this 'Petra' (huge rock) I will build my church." This leads one to believe that Jesus said "Thou art Petros," then pointing to Himself said: "but upon this Petra I will build my Church."

The prophet pointed to Jesus when he said in Isaiah 28:16—*Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste.* Paul sustains this in 1 Cor. 3:11—*For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.* We as Baptists believe that the Church was born in the New Testament. That John the Baptist was the first Baptist preacher. John 1:6—*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.* Matt. 3:1—*In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea.* Jesus walked sixty miles to be baptized by him. In Matt. 3:13-16 we have the account of the baptism of Jesus which clearly teaches who should be baptized by whom, in what way, and for what purpose should baptism be administered. "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, 'I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?' And Jesus answering said unto him: 'Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'"

There are two things that serve to identify a modern New Testament Church: Its historical position and its doctrinal identity.

1. Historians are able to trace the founders of all denominations back to some human personality, but not so with the Baptists:

Martin Luther founded the Lutheran Church in 1525, Henry VIII the Episcopalian in 1534, Calvin the Presbyterian in 1536, Robert Brown the Congregationalist in 1580, John Wesley the Methodist in 1739; Phillip Otterbin founded the Brethren in 1789, Alex Campbell the Christian Church in 1827, Joseph Smith the Mormon in 1830, William Miller the Seventh Day Adventist in 1843, George Fox the Quaker Church in 1848, Mary Baker Eddy the Christian Science in 1866, and P. F. Bresee the Nazarene Church in 1895.

Every denomination can trace its origin back to a human founder, but not so with the Baptists. We recognize no founder this side of Christ. He, alone, is the satisfactory explanation of our origin. No reliable historian

has ever pointed to a person who claimed the honor of being the founder of the Baptist Church this side of the New Testament. On the contrary numerous historians have borne eloquent testimony to the New Testament origin of the Baptists. Note the following testimonies:

Cardinal Hosius (Catholic 1554) President of the Council of Trent: "Were it not that the Baptists have been grievously tormented and cut off with the knife during the past 1200 years, they would swarm in greater numbers than all the reformers."

Sir Isaac Newton: "The Baptists are the only body of known Christians who have never symbolized with Rome."

Mosheim (Lutheran): "Before the rise of Luther and Calvin there lay secreted in almost every European country persons who adhered tenaciously to the principles of modern Baptists."

Edinburgh Cyclopedia (Presbyterian): "It must have already occurred to our readers that the Baptists are the same sect of Christians that were formerly described as Anabaptists."

John Clark Redpath (Methodist): "I should not readily admit there were Baptist churches as far back as 100 A. D. Although, without doubt, there were Baptists then, as all Christians were Baptists."

Robert Barclay (Quaker): "There are also reasons for believing that on the continent of Europe were small societies hidden, who had opinions of the Anabaptists and have existed from the time of the Apostles."

Alex Campbell, founded the Christian Church, said: "From the apostolic age to the present time, sentiments of Baptists have a chain of advocates and public monuments of their existence which can be produced in every country."

It is well to remember right here that Baptists are not protestants any more than they are Catholics. They originated over 400 years before the Catholic Church came into being; 1500 years before the Reformation; existed 1500 years before any of the protestations of Luther and his followers. As a matter of historic fact, according to M. E. Dodd, "the Catholics split off from the Baptists."

2. Doctrinal identity points out three cardinal points of identification:

FIRST: The Plan of Salvation. Paul sets out the plan in Rom. 10:9-10—*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Titus 3:5—*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.*

Eph. 2:8-10—*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

SECOND: Baptism—As to the mode and design of baptism, we find no other way in the Bible but the immersion of the believer in water. Not to be saved by, but because we are saved. Jesus as our example submitted Himself to it as recorded in Matt. 3:13-17. He commanded it: Matt. 28:19—*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Jesus was baptized as God's child, by*

God's man, in God's way for God's purpose.

THIRD: The security of the born-again Christian—As to the security of the believer we read John 5:24—*Verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth in Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come unto condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.* "Hath" here means present possession of a never-ending life. Continued action in present tense. John 10:28—*And I give (not I am going to give) unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

Someone has summed up our Baptist position as follows: Baptists believe in the rights of the individual, not close ecclesiastical rights: (1) In personal faith, not proxy faith; (2) in priesthood of all believers, not the priesthood of the clergy; that Jesus is our only High Priest; (3) in free grace, not sacramental grace; (4) in the direct approach to God, not the indirect (5) in believer's baptism, not infant baptism; (6) in the unity, sufficiency, and sole authority of Scripture as the rule both of doctrine and policy; (7) in credible evidence of regeneration and conversion as prerequisite to Church membership; (8) in immersion only, as answering to Christ's command of baptism and to the symbolic meaning of the ordinance; (9) in the right of each member of the church to a voice in its government and discipline; (10) in the freedom of the individual conscience; the total independence of church and state.

The perpetuity of any institution depends upon its foundation. Christ is the foundation of Christianity. He is the sure foundation, the safe foundation, the solid, the enduring and eternal foundation. He is the basis upon which He built His church, and upon which we build our faith, our hope and our lives. I Cor. 3:11—*for other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus.* May these truths make us loyal to all that true Baptists believe, and honor our Baptist forefathers who, fearing not the wrath of man, wrote history in their own blood before they wrote it in ink.

II

Jesus Said the Church Would Have a Great Growth

I will build my church Matt. 16:18

The story of the growth of the Church is the most thrilling story of all time. It is impossible to estimate the extent of its glorious achievements. In spite of all that the devil and his angels have done to destroy it, yet the Church still stands as the greatest single power for progress, righteousness and life in every field of human betterment. Jesus knew this and because of its great mission on earth He was willing to give His all.

Numerically the Church has had a great growth. It started with one and today there are over 600 million confessing Him. The Church began with Jesus. He then called the twelve Apostles. He then sent out the 70. There were 120 in the Upper Room the ten days preceding Pentecost. On the day of Pentecost 3000 souls were added. Later 5000 more were received into the Church. The growth became so rapid that they did not record the number. We are told at the end of the first century A. D. there were 100,000 Christians. Beginning the fourth century there were 3,000,000. Today it is estimated there are over 600,000,000 disciples who name the Name of Jesus.

Financially the Church started with Jesus saying: Matt. 8:20—*The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.* Apostles were poor, but today in America alone there are

over three billions of dollars in property belonging to the Church and over 500 millions spent annually for its maintenance and its missionary enterprises. Some of the richest people in the world are Christians and the wealth of the world is in Christian hands.

Positionally and influentially, the first Church did not have the respect of the public, had no influence, no support, no recognition. In fact, it was the most despised sect of its day. Everything possible was done to suppress its growth and destroy its message and messengers. Statesmen mocked its efforts; philosophers, poets, lawyers, writers, intellectuals ridiculed it, and were always ready, with their sophistical arguments, to overthrow the simple and plain statements of the gospel of Jesus Christ. But today, the great men of the world are Christians and Christianity is the most potent and powerful organization on earth. "Upon this rock I will build my Church."

III

Jesus Said the Church Would Have a Great Conflict

v. 18—*The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* From the beginning the Church has had a battle for its existence, its perpetuity and its growth. The more Satan fought against it in the early centuries, the more it grew and flourished. In the dark ages the devil left it alone and it became corrupt, disintegrated and arrogant. When Christ said "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it," he meant that the Church should be aggressive and militant. Too often we interpret the text to mean that the Church will prevail against the militant forces of darkness. History shows that passive resistance gets you nowhere. We have a fight on our hands. H. C. Wells said: "The trouble with the Church is that it has become too respectable." Paul said: 1 Tim. 6:12—*Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.* Eph. 6:10-12—*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*"

The struggle of the Church has affected every phase of our social life. Economic, political, moral and spiritual. Significantly the greatest menace to social progress and world peace is the spirit of Godlessness. Germany was the great menace to world peace before the war because her philosophy of Nazism was anti-church. Russia today is the greatest menace to world peace because her philosophy of communism is anti-God and anti-church. The nations where the churches flourish are the democracies, where the spirit of man is free. But the democratic way will never overcome the totalitarian way until the democracies crusade under the banner of the Cross. How can we defeat the destructive dynamics of totalitarianism unless we employ the constructive dynamics of the Spirit? Edward T. McCaffrey said: "We can have freedom under God, but not freedom without God. The moment we leave God out, we elevate the state to the supreme position. That has happened in every country where men lost their freedom." Wm. Penn said: "Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants." The world today is his witness. Before the war Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia refused to be governed by God, so they were ruled by tyrants. The words of Wm. Penn will apply anywhere. If this nation of ours refuses to be governed by God, as

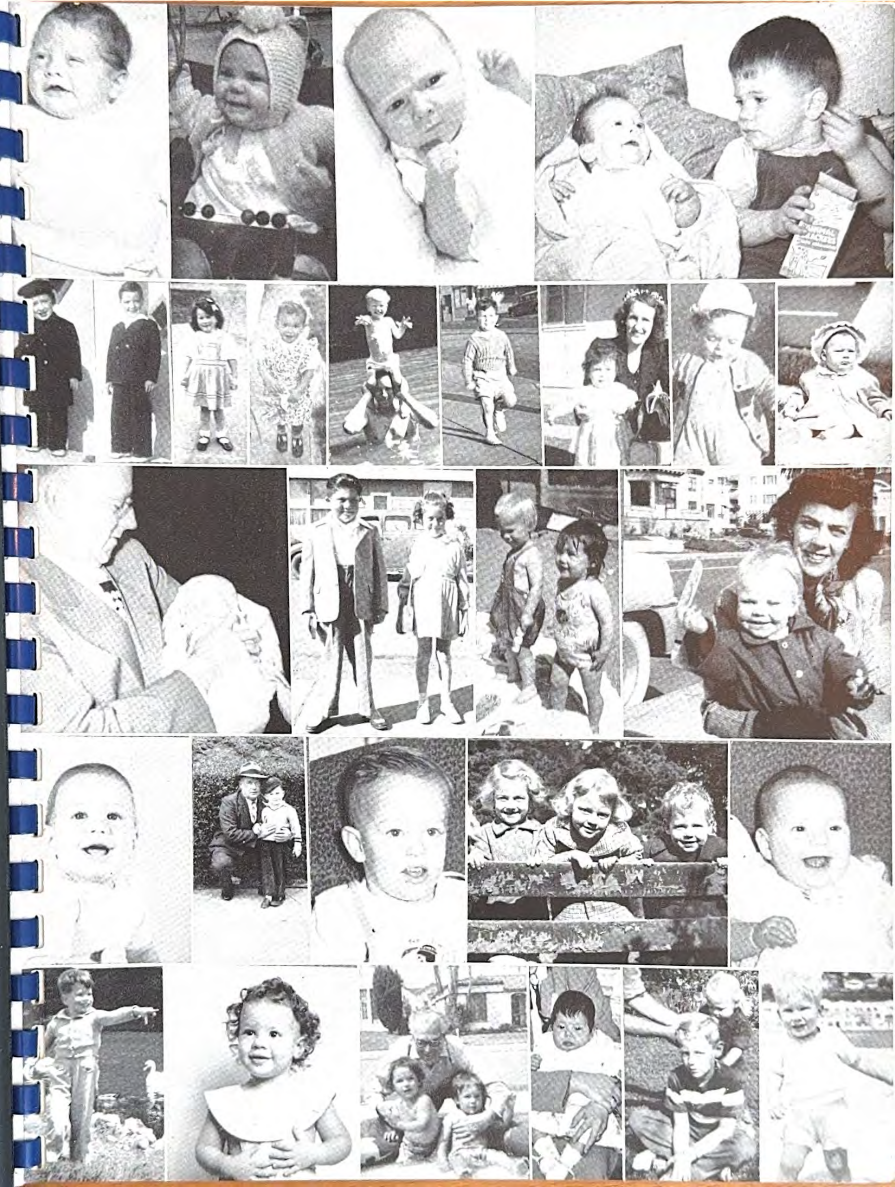
it was intended when it was established, it will some day awaken to find that it is being ruled by tyrants.

The only defense against the world, the flesh and the devil is militant Christianity. It is our business as Christians to devote our loyalty and energy in an affirmative defense of the Gospel. The acceptance of modernism disarms our churches and permits the destructive forces of Satan to flourish. Because we have tolerated the poison of an unbaptistic program, we have in a single generation lost many of our institutions, closed many of our churches, minimized our witness, and become an impotent laughing-stock of the world. Only an affirmative and militant defense of our faith, our Baptist heritage, our democratic individualism, will justify our relationship with Christ.

A negative and passive opposition to modernism in our fellowship and communism in our nation will not do it. We must, as a church, contend against these God-hating, Bible-denying, Christ-rejecting philosophers. The gravest threat to our church, our denomination, our faith and our glorious heritage is lethargy and complacency. It is inertia that transforms a free people into a slave people. Inertia and negative opposition are the greatest allies of all subversive agencies of the devil. We must fight for our liberties, our faith and our church. v. 18—*Upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

Dr. Gordon H. Baker gives us twelve reasons why we, as Christians, should be willing to "fight the good fight of faith."

1. Because the Church that Christ founded is a divine institution, foreordained in the eternal purpose of God from before the foundation of the world.
2. Because the Church has been bought with no less a price than the precious blood of our Lord.
3. Because the Church is a redemptive agency with a message of salvation for the world.
4. Because upon the Church has been laid the most stupendous responsibility ever given to man, viz: the evangelization of the world.
5. Because the Church is the greatest character builder the world has ever seen, or ever will see.
6. Because the Church is the one chief means, in this dispensation, for the bringing upon this earth the kingdom of God—that better day for which we are all looking and longing.
7. Because the Church is the only institution in the world that attempts to get at the root of all the world's problems, by dealing with the fundamental question of the eradication of sin from the human heart.
8. Because the Church is the only institution on earth that furnishes adequate conception of God and man's responsibility to Him.
9. Because the Church is the Body of Christ, of which He is the Head, the Bride of Christ, some day to be united more intimately to Him, as symbolized by the marriage Supper of the Lamb.
10. Because the accomplishments of the Church through the centuries have placed all true believers under a debt of gratitude we can never pay.
11. Because the Church has always faced and is now facing the opposition of godless world, and in this critical hour needs the very best strength, talent and wealth that believers in Christ can give.
12. Because, out beyond us is a great sad, weary, confused, war-torn despairing world, waiting for the gospel which only the Church has to give.



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CARA M. GARRETT

Miss Garrett joined the staff of the First Baptist Church in April of 1947, coming from the First Baptist Church of San Diego, where she had served as Director of Christian Education and Church Clerk since 1942. She directed the Youth and choir work of the Scott Memorial Baptist Church during the time Dr. Julianel was pastor there. In addition to her church work, she was a teacher of the San Diego Army and Navy Academy for fifteen years and taught classes in piano in the public schools of San Diego for eight years.

Miss Garrett serves our church not only as Director of Education, but also as Church Clerk and Financial Secretary. She is a native Texan, but has served the Lord for 27 years in California.



EDNA ANDERSON

Coming from the First Baptist Church of Pullman, Washington, Mrs. Anderson united with our church in 1925. She has served our church as Deaconess and was Superintendent of the Adult Department for a period of two years. During the last twelve years, Mrs. Anderson has been the Superintendent of our Sunday School, outlining the program, directing the teachers and devising the strategy that has led our Bible School program to a real victory over the forces of Satan.

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MARY BROMLEY SMITH

The oldest member of our Home Department is Mrs. Mary Bromley Smith, 98 years young, who came to our Washington Street Church in 1868, with her parents. She was baptized by Dr. J. Q. A. Henry on his first visit to the church. She was active in the Ladies' Aid Society, the Missionary Society and Sunday School.

Her faithfulness in the Lord's work has given her a radiance that is a blessing to all who are privileged to visit and pray with this joyous Christian. Her daughter, Mrs. Marion Lunt, who came to us at the age of 3, later a Deaconess for many years and S. S. Treasurer, also Librarian and now a member of our Home Department, invites you to enjoy Christian fellowship with this dear mother at their home, 1276 Eighth avenue.



MRS. R. F. RHOADS

Mrs. R. F. Rhoads, President of the Women's Missionary Society, came to our church in May, 1943, from Reno, Nevada, bringing her membership from Pawhuska, Oklahoma. She immediately became active in the work of the church, teaching and assisting where over the opportunity presented itself. Under her leadership the work of the missionary circles is going forward in a great way.

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VINCENT H. COLETTA, JR.

Vincent Coletta served as Assistant Pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Francisco, during the years 1939-1942. Prior to this time he was active in Baptist Young People's work, and engaged in evangelistic work with the King's Trumpeters, a group of musicians who broadcast over the Mutual Don Lee network, and traveled throughout the state.

While in San Francisco he worked for his B.A. degree at the San Francisco State College. He accepted the call to the Trinity Baptist Church of Oakland while still a student at the college. While in Trinity he received his degree from college and also graduated from the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. He also attended the University of California.

During the six and one-half years of ministry at the Trinity Baptist Church, there has been an average of fifty baptisms a year, an outstanding youth work which resulted in some 16 young people now preparing for full-time Christian service.

The church has been responsible for many hundreds of decisions for Christ which have come about through the lending of their pastor, Vincent Coletta, to various churches in California for revival campaigns and youth assemblies and conferences.

An education acquired in a real program of evangelism carried out by Dr. Lewis Julian while at the First Baptist Church of San Francisco has been a contribution to the success of the work of Vincent Coletta at the Trinity Baptist Church of Oakland.

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HARRY TWINING, JR.

Harry Twining, Jr., the son of a minister, formerly had his home in Amsterdam, New York. After serving in the Navy in the Mediterranean and the Pacific for two and one-half years, he arrived in San Francisco from Okinawa at the close of the war in 1945. He was stationed here for four months, which was long enough for him to find the girl of his dreams, who at that time was President of our T. N. T. group. After his marriage to Amy Pedersen in April of 1946, he made his home here and entered the City College of San Francisco, graduating from this school in January of 1949. In June of 1948 Harry felt a call to the ministry and full-time service for Christ. After the wondrous leadings of the Holy Spirit he became Assistant Pastor in September, 1948. At the age of 24 he has a wife, a son, a daughter, is now in his junior year in college, and is Assistant Pastor of the First Baptist Church.



W. W. (BILL) RAISNER

Mr. Raisner united with First Baptist in 1934. He and his family have made a real place for themselves in our church life, serving in many places. At present Mr. Raisner is serving as a Deacon, Chairman of the Board of Education and Assistant Superintendent of the Bible School.

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EDWARD TRACY

Enterprising young man of 25 years of age, with an abundance of energy and new ideas. He came to First Baptist Church from his home town of Modesto, California. Ed's occupation as a printer automatically named him as the Chairman of this publication. The organization of the material, the layout and the make-up of this book were all left to his discretion.

He's mighty proud of his family, and rightly so, for he has two girls and two boys, and they seldom miss their own classes in Sunday School and B. T. U.

Eddie has been active in our choir since his early teens, and for the past three years has been one of the leaders in the Atoms B. T. U.



EMMA PIERCE

Most of us feel that we are doing a real service when we manage to be at Sunday School two or three times a month. This attitude is surely not shared by Mrs. Pierce, for she has an enviable record for regular attendance. In over ten years, she has not missed a single Sunday; on top of that, during those ten years she has not been late once. This is material for "Believe It or Not." Mrs. Pierce is serving as secretary to the Junior Department of our Sunday School.

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BETH ROBERTSON

Mrs. Robertson came to the First Baptist Church in 1904, from Everett, Washington. She was married to Mr. Donald Robertson in 1917. Both were very active in the church, serving in many places. Mrs. Robertson served as Church Clerk from 1926 to 1944, when she became Secretary to the Pastor in 1937, which position she now holds. She has the distinction of being the only charter member of the original Dr. Wise's Philathea class. Mr. Robertson served as assistant to the Pastor from 1942 to 1944, when he was called home to be with the Lord.



JOSEPH WARD

It's not uncommon in our church that a good man is given more than one job. This is the case with Mr. Ward. Besides being the custodian of the church, which entails hours of sweeping, vacuuming and general cleaning every week, he is the "Jack of all trades" in our church. As if this were not enough, Mr. Ward serves on the Board of Deacons, is an active member of the Men's Bible Class, and recently served as the president of the Dawson B. T. U. group.

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B. A. SCOTT

Mr. Scott came to the First Baptist Church from the South Side Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama, in 1933, and has been active in First Baptist Church since that time. He was president of the Men's Bible Class for a number of years and has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees since 1943. He also serves as Trustee of San Francisco Baptist Bible College.

FRED A. OLMSTED

Fred was baptized in Dudley Stone Baptist Church of Boston, Massachusetts. After he was married he came west and settled in Camas, Washington. Six and one-half years ago Mr. Olmsted united with our church. It wasn't long after he arrived that his Christian life was seen to be an example to the believer and he was elected to the Board of Deacons. For the last four years he served the Lord and our church as chairman of said Board. In addition to these heavy responsibilities he also serves as a Trustee of the San Francisco Baptist Bible College. He has acted as Trustee of the Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland, Oregon.

MAXWELL STOUGHTON

Mr. and Mrs. Stoughton united with our church in 1936, during the latter part of the ministry of Dr. David Dawson. When Dr. Julian first came to the church, he found among other stalwarts of the faith a real helper in Max. He has an enviable record of service, having sung in the choir for 12 years, as well as being a member of the Board of Deacons for ten years. His love of the Word of God has led him to a deeper study of it and has ably qualified him to teach the young married people's Bible Class, the Lightbearers. Maxwell is also the treasurer of the San Francisco Baptist Bible College.



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LAURINE MAGURA

After graduating from high school in Fort Bragg, California, Laurine entered San Francisco State College, where she studied music and belonged to the California Scholastic Federation, making a name for herself with her lovely voice. While attending college, Laurine met Steve Magura and they were married in 1941. Laurine continued her studies, but ultimately chose marriage as her life career rather than music as she had studied. A few years later the family was increased by an addition of a fine boy, Steve Jr.

Laurine is the lead soprano in our choir and in most of our special musical programs. She also sings for Youth for Christ broadcasts and many other Christian organizations where her voice is a beautiful testimony for the Lord.



BRUCE MILLAR

Born in San Francisco, and endowed with a beautiful voice, Bruce Millar has used this talent to the glory of God. He has sung with the San Francisco Opera Company, the Municipal Chorus, and has served as soloist in Temple Emanuel, Old St. Mary's and St. Luke's before coming to our church. Bruce's talent is reflected in his son, and we may be sure that Happy Millar will one day, like his dad, have a beautiful voice with which to sing the praises of God.

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TALMAGE, Mrs. Oliver
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TEXADA, Miss Mary L.
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Mrs. E. Wesley
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THOMAS, Mr. and Mrs. Terry
THOMAS, Mr. Robert P. and
Mrs. Muriel Thomas
THOMAS, Sidney Earl
THOMPSON, Harley G.
THOMPSON, Mr. and Mrs. Roy,
Bernice and Robert
THOMPSON, Mrs. O.
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THORPE, Mr. and Mrs. Paul
TIDD, Mahlon
TIMBRESA, Charlotte
TODD, Mrs. Agnes S.
TOMPINS, Mr. and Mrs. Horace L.
and Shirley
TORRES, Mrs. Barbara, and Mildred
TORRENGA, Mrs. Dorothy
TOWNSEND, Mrs. R. D.
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TRACY, Mr. and Mrs. Harold C.
TRACY, Mrs. Jewel
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TROUSDALE, Mrs. M.
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TROWER, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E.,
Lorraine and Lloyd E. Jr.
TRYON, Mrs. C. H. and Beverly Jo
TUCKETT, Mrs. Eva, and Walter
TUFTS, Mrs. Iris
TURNER, Mrs. Charlotte E.
TWEED, Mr. and Mrs. Homer N.
TWINING, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L.
TWIST, Scott E.
TYLER, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E.
UNDERWOOD, Mr. and Mrs. E. C.
UNCHURCH, Mrs. Ella
VANCE, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L.
VAN DERSLICE, Mrs. Nettie M.
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VASSALLI, Mrs. Ruth
VEGA, Mr. and Mrs. George
VELLENO, Mr. Harry H.
VICKERS, Mrs. Maude
VIEMANN, Miss De Anne L.
VINES, Helen
VOGEL, Arvona
VOIGT, Mrs. Maxine
VOSSEN, Mrs. Rose
WACHTER, Orlyn
WADE, David
WADSWORTH, Miss L. Grace
WALKER, August G.
WALKER, Bobbie
WALKER, Mrs. Lizzie L.
WALKER, Mrs. Pauline
WALL, John
WALLACE, Mr. and Mrs. Orville E.
and Ralph
WALLACE, Miss Sylvia
WALLIN, Mrs. Alma, and Geraldine
WALTER, C. J.
WALTER, Mrs. Iva Belle
WALTZ, Mrs. Hallie
WARD, Mrs. Mary Ellen
WARD, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph
WARDLAW, Mr. and Mrs. G. M.
WARREN, Mrs. Etta
WASSON, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert
WATERMAN, Mrs. Earl
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WATSON, Misses Vesta R.
and Hannah J.

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 WEER, Frank
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 and Elizabeth Ann
 WELCH, Richard
 WELLS, Mrs. Jessie
 WELLS, Leanna
 WERDZER, Mrs. Albert
 WERNER, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert
 WHEELER, Mrs. H. A.,
 Iva Fay and Nettie
 WHEELER, Mr. and Mrs. Luther
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 WHITE, Miss Geneva
 WHITE, Thomas
 WHITENER, Mrs. Lafara S.,
 Jean and Joe B. Jr.
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 Mrs. Arthur R.
 WHITWELL, Mrs. Edith
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 and Carol Ann
 WIDNESS, Mrs. Stanley
 WIEDENMAN, Mrs. Rose
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 Wanda Sue and David
 WILKERSON, Mrs. Alta
 WILKINSON, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald
 WILKINSON, Mrs. C. F.
 WILLIAM, Mrs. Berge
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 WILLIAMS, Elizabeth
 WILLIAMS, John F.
 WILLIAMS, Ted W.
 WILLIAMS, Eleanor
 WILLIAMS, Mrs. Elizabeth
 WILLIAMS, Mr. and Mrs. H. G.
 and Betty
 WILLIAMS, Mr. and Mrs. Lovel
 WILLIE, Claudia
 WILLEY, Freda
 WILSON, Miss Anne
 WILSON, Mrs. Carrie
 WILSON, Colleen
 WILSON, Mrs. Mamie
 WILSON, Mrs. Jewell
 WILSON, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo T.
 WILSON, William B.
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 WINFREE, Hugh A.
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 WISEMAN, Carol and Franklin
 WOODEN, Mrs. Daisy Mae
 WOODS, Bruce
 WOODS, Mrs. Darlene
 WOODWARD, Mr. Walter E.
 WOODY, Wayne
 WOOLF, Dorothy
 WOOMER, Mr. and Mrs. Homer S.
 and Francis L.
 WORTHY, Mrs. Lola M.
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 WRIGHT, Mrs. George
 WRIGHT, Mrs. Mary Alice
 YEAGER, Hazel I.
 YELLAND, Mrs. Spencer
 YORK, Mr. and Mrs. Olean C.
 YOUNG, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin
 YOUNG, Mr. and Mrs. James W.
 YOUNG, Mrs. James and Janet



LUCILLE MILLAR

Lucille came to San Francisco from the state of Arkansas 21 years ago. There she was born again and united with the Baptist church. She started as church organist when only twelve years old and has since served the Lord in this capacity. For fifteen years she was organist at the Hamilton Methodist Church of this city and six years ago she accepted the call to our church. Her mastery of such a difficult instrument so early in life holds the promise of many more years of service for Him who alone is worthy.



LYDIA OXENDINE PHELPS

Lydia, one of seven children of the late O. H. Oxendine, became one of the charter members of Miss Durfee's Nursery Class after the earthquake and fire in 1906. Today she holds the distinction of being the only member of our Sunday School who started in the nursery and went through all the successive departments. Lydia has been given the talent of working with the little folks and is today using it for the Lord in our nursery department. One visit to the nursery will convince anyone of her patience with children and aptitude for this work.

Lydia is also noted for her dramatic ability, and much credit for the success of the pageants and plays given by our young people belongs to her.

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 ANDERSON, Hobart N.
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 BAIJAN, Karoon
 BARCLAY, Robert
 BARGER, John C.
 BARNES, Mr. Arthur T.
 BARNES, James M.
 BARNES, Robert
 BARR, Chester
 BARTLETT, Josiah Albert
 BARTON, Hubert Keith
 BASHIAN, Albert
 BASHIAN, Dick
 BASHIAN, Leo
 BEAUCHAMP, James
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 BELL, Jim
 BENGCH, Billy
 BEVERAGE, Frank
 BLAKE, Woodrow
 BLAKESLEE, Mr. Charles
 BOEHLE, William A.
 BOLDREY, Richard H.
 BORGMAN, Warren
 BOYETTE, Joe
 BRIDEGAN, Robert
 BROADDUS, Bower Jr.
 BROWN, Ensign Gene
 BROWN, George A.
 BROWN, Thomas
 BROWN, Wallace
 BROWN, William John, son
 BUNDY, Burrell
 BURKS, Jack C.
 BURNETTE, Jerry
 CALLAN, Johnnie F.
 CALTON, Mr. Don
 CALVIN, James William
 CARSON, Orville W.
 CARTER, Miss Noemi
 CAYLOR, John Jr.
 CLARK, Frank M.
 CLOUD, George B.
 COFFMAN, Arnold F.
 COLLINS, Frances L.
 COMBS, James W.
 COUNTERMAN, Don
 CRAVEN, Augusta D.
 CROWELL, Jewell
 CUNNINGHAM, Russell
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 DAVIS, Charles
 DAVIS, Mr. Samuel
 DAVIS, Chaplain Walter J.
 DAWSON, Mr. Geoffrey S.
 DRUMMOND, Charles E.
 DUDLEY, Charles N.
 DUNNING, Mr. Robert H.
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 ELLZEY, Wm. Myron
 ERICKSON, Stephen
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 EUBANKS, Gordon
 EVANS, Gilbert W.
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 FOGLE, William H.
 FOLEY, Wm. James

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FUTCH, Alfred
GIBSON, George P.
GILLARD, Robert J.
GLENN, Sam
GOLENN, Edward Leland
HAGEN, Harvey W.
HAILEY, Lyman G.
HALE, Pauline
HAMLIN, Warren
HANCOCK, Mory T.
HANGE, Michael
HARDWICK, Mr. Fred W.
HARVEY, Mr. William
HAYFORD, Paul V.
HAYWARD, Gardner L.
HELSE, Frederick Jr.
HEMPLEMAN, Harry
HODGKINS, George
HOLWAY, Raymond S.
HOOPER, Jack
HORNE, Nelson
HOUSEWRIGHT, Edward
HUNSICKER, Noble
JAMES, Gerald B.
JEDEL, Lt. Allen J.
JENNINGS, Lt. Ed.
JOHNSON, John
JOHNSON, Roy C.
JONES, Earl C.
JORDAN, Garland W.
KRENE, Preston
KING, Faris S.
KNOTT, Ernest A.
KOCH, Joseph A. Jr.
KOCAB, John
LARZELIER, Floyd
LEDBETTER, Cpt. Wm. B.
LEWIS, Bill
LIGHT, Cyril
LINDSEY, Charles Vernon
LINDSEY, Earl
LINDSEY, Frank D.
LOLESS, Mr. John
LOVELL, Dewey A.
LUCKENBACH, Clayton
MALICK, Harry N.
MARTIN, Jules
MARTIN, Walter
MAYFIELD, Vaughn
MERCHANT, James R.
MILES, Charles
MILLS, Richard D.
MINER, A. Benson
MOBLEY, John
MORELAND, Clark E.
MORGAN, Jack Edward
MORSE, Wayne
MYERS, John
MYERS, Paul
MCCOY, Lewyn K.
MCDOWELL, C.
MCKINNEY, James
MCMULLIN, Clifton M.
NIPPA, Lawrence Otto
PALLAS, Nick
PELFREY, Deane G.
PHILLIPS, Howard J.
PHILLIPS, Joseph H.
PREWITT, Mary Lee
PRICE, Sidney Homer
RASH, Leland
RAWLINSON, Bill
RAWSON, Gerald Linn
RAY, G. H.
RAY, R. C.
REEDER, David F.



JOSEPH FUSCH

Mr. Fusch has the distinction of being the oldest male member of the church, as far as years are concerned. He celebrated his 92nd anniversary on October 15, 1948. He has served as Deacon of the church and has been very faithful in visitation to hospitals and Laguna Honda Home, distributing tracts and other good reading. He is a whole-hearted temperance advocate.

Brother Fusch is shown with his bride of the last decade.

ROY MILAM

One of the most beloved of all men to be associated with the First Baptist Church in recent years, Roy Milam has endeared himself to the hearts of all with whom he associates. He united with our church in 1926, when Dr. West was pastor.

Roy had a place in his heart for the down-and-outers. This was shown by his constant working at the different Gospel missions in San Francisco. He was responsible for the interest of the young people of our church in the mission endeavor.

During the war he served as Radio Officer with the Maritime Commission. While at sea his testimony was always ringing true and resulted in the salvation of many with whom he worked. After the war he became assistant pastor under Dr. Julianel.

The hand of God led him to the Southern California area, where he entered the California Baptist Theological Seminary in March of 1947. He graduated in the Spring of 1949 with a Th. B. degree.

H. K. H. MITCHELL

One of the greatest Christian characters, one of the most noble and devout members this church has ever known, was Mr. Mitchell. He served as our organist for over forty years, for many of which he received no compensation. Besides this duty, he taught the Baraca Bible Class and was a trustee of the church. His tireless efforts towards Christ's cause and his unwavering loyalty to this church has endeared his memory to the hearts of all of our members who knew him.

ROBBINS, Stanley E.
RODMAN, Curtis E.
RUNCIE, Don
RUNDBERG, Victor
RUTHLEDGE, Alonzo Lee
SALYER, Charles
SCHEFFLER, George
SCHICK, Jack
SCHULTZ, Frank
SEDLAR, Jerry
SELLECK, Sgt. Reece
SHELBURNE, Leo T.
SKARE, Orlan
SMITH, Wilber T.
STILL, John
STOKES, Jennings B.
STRONG, Charles
SUGARS, Charles T. Jr.
SUTTON, Andrew
SUTTON, Mr. David
TAYLOR, Jasper D.
TREHERN, James L.
VENTURA, Mr. Angel
VULCANOFF, John
WACKER, Robert E.
WADE, Mr. Stanley
WAGNER, Ray
WALKER, Mr. Harold A.
WETZEL, J. B.
WHITE, Mrs. Beatrice
WHITE, Francis
WHITE, Roy Sydney
WHITE, Tobias J.
WHITFIELD, Ivan
WHITTEN, Roy
WILDE, Frank
WOOD, Louis E.
WOOD, Una Dell
WRIGHT, James
WRIGHT, Lester

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Robert W.
AUSTIN, Mrs. Josephine M.
AYCOCK, Mr. Thomas
AYLESWORTH, Mrs. Lorena
BABB, Joseph J.
BACKER, Paul
BAILEY, Walter F.
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BAKKE, Mrs. and Martin
BANCROFT, Carroll R.
BARENTINE, James B.
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BARNES, Mrs. Jaye M.
BARRY, Mrs. Robert H.
BASS, Mrs. Mack
BEASLEY, Mrs. Catherine and
James M.
BACKER, Frank
BELL, James D.
BENJAMIN, Miss Vivian
BINGHAM, Mrs. Violet L.
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BIOLLEY, Walter S.
BIRD, Miss Mildred
BISHOP, Mr. and Mrs. Tom
BLACK, Francis
BLACK, Miss Virginia
BLAINE, Harold R.
BLIGH, Russell
BLANKENSHIP, Mr. and Mrs.
Edgat T.
BOLANOS, Grace
BOLINGER, Lester E.
BOND, Frances E.
BOWERS, Mrs. Austin
BOWIE, Miss Jeannie
BOZICH, Mrs. Byrene
BRENNKE, Earl
BROWN, Mrs. Ola

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 COBB, Mrs. H. C.
 COLUM, Mrs. Sally
 COVEY, Mrs. George
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 DAVIS, Misses Letha R. and Dixie L.
 DAVIS, Mrs. Samuel
 DILLARD, Frank W.
 DILLINGHAM, Mr. and Mrs. B. W.
 DIXON, Mrs. Jesse
 DOBSON, Lydia
 DREISSE, Mrs. Minnie
 EMBEL, Mr. and Mrs. Richard and
 Eugene W.
 EASTERLING, Mrs. Olinda and
 Henry O.
 EICHINGER, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S.
 ERB, Lilburn W.
 FARRESTER, Mrs. Bertie
 FELD, Louis H.
 FISK, Ernest
 FLOOD, Betty
 FLYNT, Mrs. L. B.
 FOLDY, Miss Marie
 FORD, Dorothy
 FOX, Mrs. Evelyn
 GATELY, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E.
 GEMMECKE, Mildred
 GERRETSE, Mrs. Beulah
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 GOMEZ, Mrs. L.
 GOODRICH, Miss Shirley
 GRANT, Mrs. Anita J.
 GREENLEE, Mr. W. J., Mrs. Neia,
 Carl, Gerald and Harold
 GREGORY, Mrs. Minnie P.
 GROSE, Mrs. Roselyn
 GROULEY, Edna Mae
 GROVE, Harry
 GUERRANT, William and Mrs. Betty
 GROVES, Mrs. Exye,
 Ray E. and Wilma
 HARDIN, Mrs. Mary
 HARDIN, Wallace
 HARDY, Tullis A. and Wallace
 HART, Mrs. Gertrude
 HAYES, William W.
 HEMINOVER, Miss Alice
 HERRIN, Miss Louise
 HODSON, Miss Madge
 HOLMES, Mrs. Geraldine
 HOMEWOOD, Roberta
 HOUGHTON, Mrs. Albert
 HUDSON, Mr. Aaron and Frank
 HUDSON, Mrs. Keith
 HUGHES, Cinderella
 HUTTO, Mr. and Mrs. W. E.



REV. HARRY H. LARSON

Harry united with this church in 1935. Two years later, while visiting his home state of Minnesota, he married Miss Anna Wahl. Returning to San Francisco, he and his wife entered in business together that God marvelously blessed. Much of his business experience has been put to good use in the administration of his church's financial affairs.

Through the ministry of this man of God, the church in South San Francisco has witnessed a phenomenal growth. At the time when Harry came there were but 21 members; today there are 338. During the past four years, 246 have been baptized and 244 have been received otherwise. Four and one-half years ago the church had no property and was penniless; today the annual budget is \$25,000, and the total valuation of the property is \$100,000.

The most couldn't-be-done achievement in our denomination has seen reality in South San Francisco First Church. The pastor and the people caught the vision of a Christian Day School and through prayer and much labor the miracle was wrought of God. The school was named The Roger Williams School. It has classes from Kindergarten through the Eighth grade and has an average enrollment of 100 students.

ALTA JULIANEL

Mrs. Julianel, wife of our beloved pastor, is a native Californian, having been born within a hundred miles of San Francisco. She learned the story of salvation at the knee of her mother, a devout Baptist, and became a Christian early in life.

In February, 1915, she married Lewis Julianel. He was not saved, at that time, but through prayer and a Christ-like life as an example, he was won to the Lord. Little did they realize that the Lord had ordained him to be one of the greatest pastors of his time. Mrs. Julianel will surely share in her husband's rich reward in heaven.

The Fidelis Class was taught by Mrs. Julianel for many years. She was president of

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 JENSEN, Mrs. Marge
 JENSEN, Mr. Merlin
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 JOHNSON, Robert
 JOHNSON, Mrs. Thomas Henry
 JONES, David A.
 JONES, Mrs. Ellen
 JONES, Mrs. Jennie
 JONES, Paul Lee
 JONES, Mrs. Verna
 JUDD, Franklin A. J. and
 Mrs. Dorothy
 KAYSER, Eldora
 KELLER, Clara L.
 KELLER, Ida Mae and Roy
 KELLOGG, Frank R.
 KENNEDY, Kathryn
 KLEIN, Mary A.
 KLEIN, Mary Anna
 KNOWLES, Gene
 LA COUNT, Joan
 LAGASCA, Mrs. Zelma and
 Edith Louise
 LANCE, Chas. B. and Mrs. Chas. B.
 LAPORTE, Raymond C.
 LATTI, Mrs. Celia E.
 LEACH, Mrs. Bertie
 LEE, Albert W.
 LELAND, Audrey
 LEONARD, W. C.
 LEVENTON, Mrs. Thelma and
 Betty June
 LEVENTON, Mr. Roy E.
 LEVINE, Mrs. Helen
 LEWIS, Mrs. Alice S.
 LIPSCOMB, Mrs. Vivian
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 LUCAS, Florence
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 LUCIER, Frank Adams
 LUNN, Carl and Annabelle
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 MARKUSON, Mrs. Julia
 MARTIN, Mrs. Mary Ann
 MARTIN, Miss Virginia
 MASON, Mrs. Valeta
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MYERS, Mrs. C. H.
MYERS, Mrs. Mervin K.
MYNATT, Lt. Vernon S.
McBRIDE, Mrs. Beatrice
McBRIDE, Katherine
McCARGO, Enoch
McCLARY, Wendell W.
McCLINTIC, Mrs. C. E.
McCOY, Juanita Matilda
McDONALD, Miss Velva
McGEE, Mrs. Margo
McLAMB, Dewey
MacWILLIAMS, Mrs. T. W.
MOORE, Mrs. Rachael
MOORE, Mr. Donald D.
MILLER, Mrs. J. R.
MILLER, Thomas Jack
MOBERG, Mrs. Beatrice
MOON, Herman H.
NASH, Alvin E., Jr.
NEELEY, Mrs. E. W.
NEIKIRK, Glenn
NELSON, Mrs. B. O.
NELSON, Clavin
NELSON, Mrs. Emma
NEUSTUPA, Lois
NEWELL, Miss Mary F.
NICCOLLS, Billie Hallard
NICKERSON, Joanne
NOLAN, Betty Lou
NORRELL, Marteele R.
NORRIS, Mr. and Mrs. John R.
NORRIS, Leighton
NORTON, Stephen F.
NOSSMAN, Mrs. Dean
NUSS, George
O'HARA, James E.
OLIVO, Mrs. Felicita
OLSON, Mrs. Ed.
OLSON, Marjorie
OSBORNE, Mrs. Helen
O'SHIELD, Larry A.
OTTAWA, Charles H.
OXENDINE, Mr. Joseph and
Mr. Enoch
PACKARD, Mrs. Jeanetta
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PALMER, Mr. and Mrs. William J.
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PATTERSON, Robert Emery
PAYER, Mary Ellen
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PEARSON, Mrs. Beatrice Sue
PEARSON, Mr. Clarence
PEARSON, Mrs. C. E.
PEDERSON, Stanley A.

the Women's Missionary Society and is also a member of the Board of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. Everyone associated with Mrs. Julianel is impressed by her gracious and co-operative manner, as well as her sweet Christian spirit.



RAYMOND S. MACINTOSH

In only a short time Raymond S. MacIntosh has earned for himself a reputation for his ability to direct and interpret sacred music. Besides directing church music throughout the country, Ray has a talent for radio announcing and radio writing, and acted in this capacity for five years. In 1930 he was married to Margaret A. Chase. The Word says that children are an heritage of the Lord, and Raymond truly has a rich heritage in his five children.



JEANETTE BLOWERS RAISNER

Mrs. Raisner has served in the Beginners Department of our Sunday School as Superintendent for more than eight years. Asked how long she had served in this capacity, she replied: "About a thousand years." One may well imagine that it seems like an endless job, dealing with these beginners, Sunday after Sunday. It takes a real love for the little ones to perform her task in the sweet way that she does. Mrs. Raisner found time amid her other duties to write the history contained in this journal.

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PONTA, Jack
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PRICHARD, Mrs. Georgette
PRINCE, Mrs.
PUESCHEL, Mary E.
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RAGAN, Mrs. Elaine
RAMIREZ, Mrs. Celia
RAMSEY, Mrs. Mamie E.
RANDALL, Frank E.
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RIGGS, Mrs. Ida B.
RIGGS, Virginia
RIST, Mrs. Geneva
RISUM, Mrs. R. W.
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ROBERTS, Judy Carol
ROBERTS, Miss Reba
ROBINSON, Mrs. Carl
ROBINSON, Ina Ray
ROBINSON, Violet
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RODRIQUEZ, Mrs. Faye
ROGERS, Billy Joe
ROOT, Miss Wilma
ROURK, Wilbur A.
ROWE, Raymond
RUSHING, Mrs. Flora May
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RUSSELL, Thelma Jean
RYAN, John
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SAMMS, Lydia

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SCHWATKA, Mrs. Mary and Joan
SCOTT, Earl
SELSETH, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas
SETON, Elsie A.
SHILLING, Mavis
SHIPMAN, Mrs. Dorothy A.
SHOOK, Miss Ruth P.
SIGNS, Esther Ruth
SILIN, John S.
SIMMONS, Billy Joyce
SIMPSON, William J.
SINGLETON, George W., Jr.
SISSON, Beverly and Donald
SLACK, Mrs. Mary
SMITH, Miss Anna Mae
SMITH, Miss Dorothy
SMITH, Mrs. Evelyn
SMITH, Mrs. Fred
SMITH, Mrs. Hazel
SMITH, Helen
SMITH, Mrs. J. D.
SMITH, Mrs. J. S.
SMITH, Mrs. Laura K.
SMITH, Ronald C.
SMYTHE, Allen W.
SOLIS, Mr. Quintin
SPENCER, Mary
SPRAGUE, Harvey F.
STALEY, Mrs. Margie
STANTON, Miss Bertha
STAPLER, Mrs. Florrie
STARKEY, Mrs. Eleanor
STATON, Mrs. Anna
STEEN, Albert
STEVENSON, William A.
STEWART, Douglas C.
STILL, Miss Valeria
STILLMAN, Mrs. Claudine E.
STOCKING, Mr. and Mrs. Paul
and Lawrence
STOVALL, William H.
STRANG, William S.
STREET, Mrs. W. N.
STRAIGHT, Bernice
STRITTER, Mrs. Maude
STRIUCH, Mrs. Bessie
STROUPE, Lucius B.
STUTMAN, Mrs. Nora
SURDYK, Mrs. Rose
SWAIN, George Edsel
SWEAT, Miss Corliss and Miss Ann
SWEET, Mrs. Florence
SZMYD, Patricia
TACKETT, Harry W.
TATE, Mrs. Miles C.
TAYLOR, Miss Betty
TAYLOR, Lt. K. D.
TEMPLE, Darline E.



BAYLUS MEEKS

Baylus united with our church in 1941, coming to us from the Sans Souci Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina. He has served as superintendent of the Junior Department, teacher in the Young People's Department, missionary pastor, and is active in the Victory B. T. U. Besides being the superintendent of the Senior High Department of the Sunday School, he is in charge of the Mission each Friday night. The mission work requires a real love for the down-and-outers, and Baylus certainly has manifested this virtue in his labors of love among the men of skid row.



O. H. OXENDINE

Mr. Oxendine, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian, united with our church in 1906 during the pastorate of Dr. Burlingame. It would be impossible for us to list the many services he rendered to this church, or to number the many friends made before the Lord called him home. For twenty-six years he held the position of recording secretary of the Sunday School, and was never known to be absent from his place on Sunday morning or at prayer meeting, sitting, in a body, with his wife and seven children. Oh, for more men who would say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

LIST OF MEMBERS (Continued)

TESSIER, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W.
THOMASON, Miss Ethel
TIEDMAN, Mrs. Frances
TOBIAS, Miss Margaret
TODARA, Mrs. Mearl
TODD, Leona Belle
TOMPKINS, Mrs. Maxine
TOMPKINS, Truman
TRACY, Floyd
TUNE, Jack E.
TURNER, John Thomas, Jr.
TURNER, Mrs. Marjorie
VAN WIEREN, Karalind
VARNEY, Betty
VARNEY, Forrest
WADE, Miss Betty
WAGENMAN, Miss Marie
WALKER, Mr. and Mrs. Percy
WALKER, Mrs. Ruth
WALSH, Mrs. Reva
WARE, Mr. Fred
WARREN, Mrs. Thelma I.
WEBER, Mrs. E. Jr.
WHITE, Bernice
WHITE, Mr. and Mrs. Olen
WHITE, Mrs. Wendell
WHITWORTH, Betty and Donald
WICK, Mr. Elmer A.
WILBANKS, Yvonne
WILLIAMS, Mrs. Edna
WILLIAMS, Edward
WILLIAMS, Henry G.
WILLIAMS, Morgan
WILSON, Miss Doris
WILSON, Howard
WILSON, Mrs. H. B.
WINTERS, Mrs. Edith and Fred
WILLIAMSON, Dorothy

This listing of members is complete as of February 1, 1949. However, many other fine people have joined since that date. The Centennial Publication Committee regrets that it was not possible to list their names.

WILLIAMSON, Mrs. Edwin
WILLIS, Mrs. Evelyn M. and Zona
WOLLIN, Vincent
WONG, Miss Helen
WONG, Louise
WONG, Sandra
WOOD, Mrs. Cora
WOODROOF, Mrs. Cora Lee
WOODS, Mrs. Ruby J.
WRIGHT, Glynna
WRIGHT, Harry E.
WUTHRICK, Dorothy
YANCEY, Mrs. Arthur



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 7
Troop 7, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, was organized and granted a charter by San Francisco Council on April 30, 1946, and has an enrollment of 17, under the leadership of Calvin Russell as Scoutmaster and Billie Slack as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Troop activities are under the supervision of a Troop Committee consisting of Gordon Chilson, Hubert Slack, Gordon Bohannon, Carl Hunter, Ralph Rhodes and George P. Purchase, Chairman.

We believe we have the nucleus for the making of a well developed troop, and your cooperation in interesting boys of Scout age (12 years and older) to join its ranks is requested. A visit to our troop some Monday night at 7:15 will afford them an opportunity to learn what scouting really stands for and how it can help them in their daily living and association with other boys, by doing a Good Turn daily, as well as practicing the other precepts of scouting, and enjoying the many activities, such as Saturday hikes and overnight camping, etc., as well as other events afforded by our Troop Committee.



Left to right: Dr. Lewis J. Julianel, Pastor; Miss Cara Garrett, Educational Director; Mrs. Beth Robertson, Secretary; standing: Edward Tracy, and Harry Twining, Assistant Pastor.

Making Centennial Plans

This being the Centennial Year for "Old First Church," our Pastor conceived the idea of preparing a Centennial Year Program. Therefore, he called his Office Staff, with Edward Tracy, a designer and printer, to assist in drawing up plans for the numerous ideas and projects for this Centennial Program. This book is the outcome of part of their plans; it is an evidence of the splendid work and program of the year. Credit is chiefly due to the untiring efforts of Edward Tracy, who was almost entirely responsible for this beautiful book. We trust that the readers will get a new vision of the Lord and what He can do with a group of consecrated Christians throughout the next hundred years, should He tarry.

CENTENNIAL

JEWELL R. TRACY

*Come sit with me in retrospect,
O'er the past years of time;
Just think, it's my Centennial,
Since back in forty-nine.*

*Our bridging, fifty feet in length,
Yes, at that time quite small.
My full capacity that day,
Was good three hundred, all.*

*Now on one calm October morn,
In Wheeler's ministry,
In the cool waters of the bay,
We formed our baptistry.*

*A great parade that Sunday morn,
Marched all in one accord
To see the first immersion there,
In following the Lord.*

*The next ten years were surely marked,
New zeal and love awoke;
A great revival stirred our hearts
When D. L. Moody spoke.*

*In labor through the years that came,
Our spirits rose and fell;
Anxiety o'er indebtedness
Wrought grief we could not tell.*

*Despite the great earthquake and fire,
When we were homeless made,
A site was found in nineteen nine,
And cornerstone was laid.*

*But then somehow as years passed by,
I guess we'll never know,
We found ourselves in awful straits
For debts that we did owe.*

*To pay our full indebtedness,
A mortgage we did take.
Ten thousands dollars was the lien
Upon the church estate.*

*Some folk grew weary of this state,
Their membership withdrew;
Of course that cast a double load
Upon the faithful few.*

*With Him all things are possible,
He bears our every plea,
For David Dawson was the man
Who came in thirty-three.*

*They said of us, "The church is dead,"
We must have deemed it so,
For on the day that Dawson came
Not forty roused to go.*

*Two years and more this man did work,
God's mighty truths proclaim;
My, how our membership did grow,
Four hundred we could name.*

*For us in nineteen thirty-six,
The light began to dawn,
For just at this strategic time,
God sent to us the one.*

*Our present pastor, Julianel,
His life he gave the whole;
A man of vision, strong in faith,
Soul winning was his goal.*

*"And whosoever," was his theme;
To Christ, souls have been won,
Old saints revived, and leaders made,
New work for God begun.*

*Soon the old mortgage we did burn,
Great changes have been wrought;
New classrooms, nursery and gym,
Were added buildings bought.*

*Then came the day our church was filled,
Twelve hundred it did seat;
Songs through the art glass windows rang,
"My church sees no defeat."*

*A greater work has just begun;
We're training all the time;
A Bible college here have we
In nineteen forty-nine.*

*So, as our Shepherd leads us on,
Oh, may our passions burn
To bring someone to know the Lord.
Look up! He'll soon return.*